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OF THE

105TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GERMAN

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM

OF

PENNSYLVANIA

AND

THE ADJACENT STATES.

CONVENED IN

LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA.,

IN TRINITY WEEK, FROM THE 6th TO THE 10th OF JUNE, A. D. 1852.

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MINUTES.

The members of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States" assembled, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, in Lancaster city, Pa., to hold their 105th annual convention.

On Sunday morning the President, Rev. J. W. Richards, D. D., preached the Synodical Sermon, from John 4, 38: "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors." In the afternoon the Secretary, Rev. W. J. Eyer, preached from Rom. 14, 17: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." — And in the evening Dr. H. N. Pohlman, of Albany, New-York, from 1 Cor. 3, 18: "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise."

On Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, and likewise each evening during the Session of Synod, there was preaching in the German Lutheran church. Different members of the Synod preached also on Sunday in the churches of different denominations in the city. The texts from which they preached were not handed to the Secretary, and accordingly could not be here recorded.

I. SYNODICAL BUSINESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Monday, June 7th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod assembled for the transaction of business in the Lutheran church. The President, Dr. J. W. Richards, took the chair and opened the meeting with singing and Father Bætis, Senior ministerii, led in prayer. The roll was then called. The following members of Synod

were present and took their seats in due order, together with the delegates from their respective congregations, viz.

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Rev. *Wm. Bætis*, Sen. min.,	Lancaster,	Philip H. Frick.
" *J. C. Baker*, D. D.,	Lancaster,	Dr. F. Muhlenberg.
" *J. J. Strein*,	Lancaster,	Martin Strobel.
" *F. W. Geissenhainer*,	New York,	
" *H. G. Stecher*,	Hummelstown,	
" *S. Trumbauer*,	Leacock,	John Hains.
" *C. R. Demme*, D. D.,	Philadelphia,	Jacob Beck.
" *G. A. Reichert*,	Philadelphia,	John Kæmmerlen.
" *W. J. Mann*,	Philadelphia,	Gabriel Knecht.
" *J. Stein*,	Jonestown,	
" *G. F. J. Jæger*,	Hamburg,	Joseph Long.
" *W. J. Eyer*,	Cattawissa,	Jacob Kreigh.
" *J. W. Richards*, D. D.,	Reading,	
" *J. Bahl*,	Berwick,	
" *H. S. Miller*,	Norristown,	
" *E. Peixoto*,	Tylersport,	George Daub.
" *W. B. Kæmmer*,	Richlandtown,	Jacob Bachman.
" *Joshua Jæger*,	Allentown,	
" *C. F. Schæffer*, D. D.,	Easton,	
" *J. Schindel*,	South-Whitehall,	
" *J. Medtart*,	Bluebell,	
" *C. F. Welden*,	Bethlehem,	Jonathan Ritter.
" *A. Fuchs*,	Bath,	
" *J. C. Barnitz*,	Millersville,	Jacob Metzger.
" *C. W. Schæffer*,	Germantown,	
" *L. G. Eggers*,	Stauchsburg,	John Walborn.
" *G. M. Merz*,	Chambersburg,	
" *W. G. Minnig*,	Pottsville,	Jacob Kohler.
" *C. F. Stœver*,	Dauphin,	Benjamin Zerker.
" *A. T. Geissenhainer*,	Trenton, N. J.,	F. W. Kœster.
" *C. A. Hay*,	Harrisburg,	Jacob Houser.
" *E. Breidenbaugh*,	Pinegrove,	Jacob Huber.
" *E. A. Bauer*,	Lehighton,	
" *F. A. M. Keller*,	Reading,	Michael Fritz.
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" *G. A. Wenzel*,	Stone Church,	
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" *C. G. A. Neuman*,	Line Mountain,	Solomon Gerhinger.
" *J. Kohler*,	New Holland,	William Kinzer.
" *N. Jæger*,	Berrysburg,	Jonath. Coppenheffer.
" *J. C. Schmidt*,	Bernville,	
" *A. Bergner*,	Greenbriar,	Daniel Kræmer.
" *F. Walz*,	Pottsville,	John G. Braun.
" *J. C. Schwankowsky*,	Chambersburg,	
" *M. Sondhaus*,		
" *S. K. Brobst*,	Allentown,	
" *W. Gerhard*,	Elizabethtown,	John Feigner.
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ASSEMBLED AT LANCASTER, PA., ON TRINITY SUNDAY (JUNE 6th) &c. A. D. 1852.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren in the Lord!

Assembled again by the grace of God, for the purpose of mutually deliberating upon the welfare of the church of Jesus, I have the honor, as duty requires, to present to this venerable body my yearly report; it is as follows:

I. Deaths.

1. Soon after the adjournment of the last Synod Br. William German was called home. He died at Emaus, in Lehigh county, on the 26th of June A. D. 1851, aged 54 years, 9 months and 12 days. May the mutual prayer of the Synod for his welfare have been heard!

2. Also on the 26th of March of this year Father J. J. Binninger died, aged 66 years, 9 months and 1 day. May he also rest in the Lord! The Synod will pay due regard to his memory. No. 48.

II. Pastoral Changes.

1. A. D. 1851. On the 23d of July I received a letter from Rev. C. A. Popp, in which he informs the Synod that he has become missionary of the Christian Union among the german catholic population in Cleveland, Ohio, desires however to continue a member of this body. See No. 2.

2. On the same day a letter from Cand. Hornberger, stating, that he had taken charge of congregations in Carbon co. and in Monroe co. See No. 3.

3. On the 1st of August Rev. R. Wagner informed me that on the 13th of July he had accepted of a call from the Hinnerschütz and Gernands congregations.

4. August the 6th, a letter from Rev. Hornberger, asking permission to preach at two places, the members there belonging to his congregation.—Permitted. No. 4.

5. August the 13th Br. N. Jæger wrote and asked permission to install Br. Walz in his congregation at Pottsville. — It was granted. No. 5.

6. August the 23d I received a letter from the St. Jacob's and St. Paul's congregations in Clearfield county, in which they complained of the conduct of the Reformed there towards Br. Mengert, and asked for some evidence of connection with the Synod and also for assistance.—I answered, that, if the Reformed had forgotten themselves so much, they should not notice such an unnecessary interference in their affairs. I sent them the evidence and promised them assistance, if they would conduct themselves properly towards their minister and both remain connected with the Synod. No. 7.

7. August the 28th, a letter from Cand. Sell, notifying, that he had taken charge of a congregation within the bounds of West Pennsylvania Synod.

8. September the 1st Cand. Brandt from New York wrote, that he had resigned the Emigrant congregation, because (as was known to Br. Stohlmann and Held,) it was impossible for him to uphold the

same. — He asked for a recommendation to Clearfield co. — As Br. Mengert had already recommended him there, I granted him his request. As to the Emigrant congregation I leave that to the Synod.— Mr. Brandt was afterwards elected minister in Clearfield county. No. 9 and 18.

9. September the 2d I received a letter from Cand. Hornberger, asking permission to preach a trial sermon in a neighboring congregation.—Granted. No. 10.

10. September the 4th, a communication from the congregation at Manayunk, in which it was stated, that their minister had left, and they expected soon to be supplied by another from Europe, that the frequent change of ministers however hindered the prosperity of the congregation. No. 12.

11. September the 15th Mr. Walz wrote, that he had resigned his charge in Wilmington and Manayunk and had taken charge of the 2d German Ev. Luther. congregation in Pottsville. No. 13.

12. October the 5th, a letter from the Vestry of the Ev. Luth. congregation at Luthersburg, Clearfield co., informing me, that they had called Mr. Brandt as their instructor, and enquiring of me in reference to the Lord's Supper. — I answered according to the best of my knowledge. No. 18.

13. October 11th. Rev. Scheide asked permission to serve the congregations at Mountjoy, Manheim and Maytown in Lancaster co.— I permitted it. No. 19.

14. October 23d, letters from Rev. Popp of Cleveland, Ohio, and from Rev. Hubner, lately Missionary of Benares in India, applying for ministerial stations.—I had none to give them, since the congregations seldom inform me, when they become vacant, and many on this account would sooner expose themselves to the danger of being deceived by a vagabond.

15. Novemb. the 1st Br. Mengert wrote to me, that he had accepted of a call from the Evang. Luth. congregation in Verona, Oneida co., N. Y. No. 20.

16. Novemb. 8th, a letter from Br. A. Lachenmayer, in which he describes the sad condition of the congregation in Wilkesbarre, and solicits another station. No. 23.

17. November 14th. Br. Sondhaus in Tamaqua complained of the condition of the congregation at that place, and especially of their constitution, which acknowledges each person as a member who contributes, whether he be a Lutheran or not. No. 24. — Should not our congregations be warned concerning such regulations?

18. Nov. 17th. Rev. Schwankowsky wrote, that he had accepted of a call to Chambersburg from the 1st German Lutheran congregation. No. 25.

19. In November a letter from the 2d German Evang. Lutheran congregation in Chambersburg, in which they describe their critical condition and solicit a pastor. No. 21.

20. Nov. 17th. Prof. Hartmann wrote concerning the condition of both the German Evangelical Lutheran congregations at Chambersburg. No 26.

21. The same day a letter arrived from Mr. Conrad of Pottsville, in which he expresses the cordial satisfaction of the 2d German Ev. Luth. Zion's congregation in that place with their pastor Mr. Walz.

22. Information from Br. Welden, that he had resigned his station at Berrysburg, Dauphin co., and on the 30th of October accepted of the charge at Bethlehem, Dryland &c.

23. December the 8th Rev. N. Jæger informed me, that he had resigned his station in Orwigsburg and taken charge of the parish at Berrysburg, Dauphin co. No. 29.

24. A. D. 1852. Br. T. T. Jæger informed me, that he had divided his charge; Warwick, &c., being formed into one district, and Womelsdorf &c. (to which place he moved) into another.

25. January 9th. A letter from Rev. Sondhaus of Tamaqua, in which he gives notice that he must resign his charge at that place. No. 31.

26. January the—, Rev. G. W. Scheide wrote that he had left his station in Mountjoy and had taken the charge in Orwigsburg &c.

27. Jan. 10th. Mr. F. Otto of Manayunk solicited a pastor for the Luther. congregation of that place.—I gave him the names of several. No. 32.

28. Jan. 12th. Rev. McCron of Norristown wrote, that he would leave that charge and go to the state of New York. No. 33.

29. On the same day a letter came from Br. Walz, announcing, that he had been elected by a congregation in Schuylkill Haven, and would take charge of them, if there were no objections to it, and that his congregation in Pottsville was in a very promising condition. — I answered, I knew of no objection, as he represented the matter. No. 34.

30. The same day I received a letter from the officers of the Lutheran and Reformed St. John's church in Tamaqua applying for a new pastor. No. 35.

31. Jan. 26th. Rev. Cand. Hinterleitner wrote, asking permission to take charge of the congregations at Kutztown &c. — I granted it. No. 37.

32. The same day I received a communication from the church-council of Manheim, complaining of the condition of their pastoral district, that the best congregation was taken from them &c., and they were too weak to support a minister, and therefor desired, that they be permitted to unite again with the Salem church.—Since they previously belonged there and the other two weak congregations could easily form a connection with a missionary station in the vicinity, and also by that arrangement the missionary treasury would be assisted, I granted their request. No. 38.

33. February 12th, a letter from Manayunk, announcing, that they had taken as their minister Mr. B. Schifterling from Wirtemberg. Also a letter from Mr. Schifterling seeking admission into the Ministerium. No. 39.

34. The same day a letter arrived from Br. Eggers of Palmyra. He stated that he had resigned this station and accepted of a call to Tulpehocken, lately served by Father Ulrich. No. 40.

35. February the 28th. Father Ulrich wrote, that he had relinquished his congregations at Tulpehocken and Kinth's, and thought of doing the same in a short time with Rœhrersberg. No. 41.

36. March 11th. I received a letter from the church-council of the congregation at Wilkesbarre, in which they ask for a pastor, who can

also superintend an English - German School. — I answered that I would endeavor to obtain one. No. 42.

37. March 3d. Br. Vogelbach announced that he had taken charge of Br. W. German's vacant station and had resigned his charge at Harrisburg, to which place Br. Maier has been called. No. 54.

38. March 24th. Br. A. T. Geissenhainer reported, that he had taken charge of the congregation at Trenton, N. J., moved there and laid the corner-stone of a new church.

39. March 26th. Br. Menges announced that he had relinquished the congregations at Petersburg and Millersville, and would serve the one in Columbia alone, the first two however would call another minister.

40. April 1st. A petition from congregations in Pine Creek township, Jefferson co., soliciting a minister. No. 47.

41. April 30th. Br. Eyer announced that he had resigned his congregation at Bloomsburg. No. 53.

42. May 14th. Br. H. S. Miller wrote to me, that he had resigned his station at the Trappe and had taken charge of the congregation at Norristown.

43. May 17th. Br. Krotel wrote that he resigned his congregation at Meyerstown and thought of doing the same with the congregation at Millerstown. No. 56.

44. May 10th. I received a letter from Rev. M. During at Marysville, Union co., Ohio, which announces that he has taken charge of the congregation at Birmingham, Pittsburg. He desires to become a member of this body, and solicits assistance from the Missionary-Treasury.—Brothers Zeumer and Friedrich recommend him. No. 57.

45. May 20th. A letter from Rev. N. Jæger, which announces, that he is forming an Ev. Lutheran congregation in Bear Gap. No. 58.

46. May 22d. A letter from Rev. W. Gerhardt; he writes that he has resigned his station at Elizabethtown and vicinity and the same will be vacant after the meeting of Synod; he has taken charge of the station in Bloomfield, Perry co., Pa.—He desires a dismission. No. 59.

47. May 27th. Rev. W. Scheide wrote that he had taken charge of the English Ev. Lutheran congregation at Hamburg, Pa. No. 60.

48. May 31st. I received a letter from Rev. Kuhn, who asks for permission to take charge of a congregation in Warren co., and also for the renewal of his license. No. 61.

49. June 3d. Rev. Rees informed me that he had accepted of a call from Warwick, and desired to become a member of this Ministerium.—He will lay before us his dismission from the West-Pennsylvania Synod. No. 62.

III. Missionary Business.

1. A request from Rev. During, for assistance for Birmingham (Pittsburg), previously served by Mr. Neuffer. No 57.

2. A request from Br. Muhlhauser, for a missionary to Wisconsin for one year.—The letter deserves to be read. No. 59.

3. A letter from Missionary Heyer.

This article contains only a letter that was reported to me, for the purpose of laying it before the Synod.

IV. Vacant Charges.

Elizabethtown, Allentown, Meendsen's, Palmyra, Trappe and Manayunk.

V. Ad interim Licenses and Applications for Membership.

1. A. D. 1851. The Rev. Bergmann from Catspring, Texas, sought of me for admission into the Ministerium. He is minister of the first Ev. Lutheran church which was erected in that state, and desires, as it ought to be, to stand under ecclesiastical regulation, and that by us, until a Synod can be formed in Texas. His testimonials I will hand over to the examining committee. — I wrote to him that his request must be deferred until the meeting of Synod. No. 28.

2. October 5th. Br. A. Lachenmeyer wrote to me from Wilkesbarre and transmitted his honorable dismission from the Maryland Synod. According to a resolution of our last annual Synod he is now a member of our Ministerium.

3. A. D. 1852. An application for ad interim license from Mr. Conrad Kuhn, born in Darmstadt, Germany, and at present minister in East-Liberty, Pittsburg, accompanied with recommendations from the brethren Friedrich and Zeumer. I requested these brethren to examine him in life and doctrine and communicate to me the result. As this communication was favorable, I therefor granted him the license. No. 44.

4. An application, from Mr. Daniel Garver, of Scotland in Franklin co., Pa., a student of theology, to be taken up as a candidate at this Synod. No. 43.

5. An application for admission into the Ministerium, from Rev. Charles Jæger, who has taken charge of the congregation at Wilmington. No. 46.

6. An application for admission as candidate, from student Philip Bræs. No. 49.

7. An application for admission into the Ministerium, from Rev. D. Maier, who has taken charge of the german congregation at Harrisburg. No. 52.

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9. May 17th. An application for admission into the Ministerium, from Rev. J. Nashold, from Wirtemberg, where he had been preacher for several years.

10. June 3d. An application for admission, from Rev. Rees from the West Pennsylvania Synod, who has taken charge of Warwick. No. 62.

11. An application for admission from Mr. Heydenreich.

12. An application from Cornelius Nitterauer, a student at Gettysburg.

VI. New Charges formed.

1. Womelsdorf &c., by Br. Thomas Jæger.
2. Kutztown &c., by Br. Hinterleitner.
3. Clearfield co. (Luthersburg &c.), by Br. Brandt.
4. Jefferson co., by Br. Sondhaus.
5. Trenton, N. J., by Br. A. T. Geissenhainer.
6. Near Donegal, by Br. Focht, one congregation.
7. Near Cattawissa, by Br. Eyer, one congregation.
8. One Ev. Lutheran congregation in Bear Gap, Dauphin co., by Br. N. Jæger.

VII. Corner-Stones laid and Churches built.

Under this head I have again not much to report, because many brethren have thought it was not worth while to inform me thereof. Would it not be well if the Synod were to remind the brethren of their duty, to report thereon to the president, instead of to the Synod? — Unless it be not desired to see such subjects in the report.

1. A. D. 1851. On the 27th of July the "Ev. Lutheran Trinity church," served by me, enlarged and renewed, was consecrated anew to the worship of God.

2. October 24th. A new "Union church" was consecrated by Br. Bauer, named Pennsville, in Carbon co.

3. November 8th. The corner-stone of a new "Ev. Luth. church" was laid in Clearfield co., by Br. Brandt.

4. December 25th. A "Union church" was consecrated at Schuylkill Haven (45 by 75), by Br. W. Minnig.

5. December 25th. A corner-stone of an "Ev. Luth. church," in Port Carbon, by Br. Waltz.

6. A. D. 1852. April 11th. A "Union church" was consecrated, named Epler's, five miles from Reading, by Br. R. S. Wagner. —It is one of the most beautiful country-churches (65 by 50).

7. April 29th. The corner-stone of an "Ev. Lutheran church," was laid in Trenton, N. J., by Br. A. T. Geissenhainer, in a manner very praiseworthy to him.

8. Some time back the English "Ev. Lutheran church" at Columbia, Pa., was consecrated by Br. Menges.

9. April 11th. The corner-stone of the "Union Egypt church," in Lehigh co., was laid.

10. May 9th. The corner-stone of a "Union church" was laid in Long-swamp, Berks county.

11. May 16th. The corner-stone of a "Union church" at the Tulpehocken, three miles from Reading — a new congregation as yet without a minister.

12. In April the new "Ev. Lutheran St. James church" in Reading was consecrated by Br. F. A. M. Keller.—This and several others were not reported to me; but to make this report as complete as I could, I allowed myself the liberty, to cite them.

13. On Whitsun-monday the corner-stone of a "Union church," was laid in Tinicum, Bucks county.

VIII. Dismissals.

1. A. D. 1851. July 7th. Br. Zeumer in Pittsburg wrote several times to me for a dismission from our Synod (See No. 1.), and that in a pressing manner. I was compelled to refuse it, since I could not convince myself, that the Synodical-regulation gave that right to the president. More applications of this kind were made where otherwise there was no obstacle in the way of an honorable dismission. This right is granted to the president of other Synods.—Does the Ministerium believe, that it would be well, in such instances to permit also our president to give the dismissal, without a resolution of the body in each case?

2. August 27th. An honorable dismissal of Br. Gerhardt, in accordance with a resolution of Synod, to the West Pennsylvania Synod.

3. August 28th. A letter from Cand. Sell, asking for a dismission

from our Synod, since he has charge of congregations within the bounds of the West Pennsylvania Synod, and therefor desires to connect himself with that body. Under these circumstances I would willingly have granted it, if it had been possible for me to do so.

4. A. D. 1852. Jan. 12th. A letter from Pastor McCron, who also requested a dismission, because he had taken charge of congregations in the state of New York. I answered him in the same manner as the above.

5. May 27th. A letter from Pastor Wm. Gerhardt, who desires a dismissal to the West Pennsylvania Synod, because he has taken congregations within its bounds.

6. May 31st. A letter from Rev. Friedrich requesting an honorable dismission to the Ohio Synod. No. 59.

IX. Synodical Resolutions referred to the President.

1. According to a resolution of Synod I transmitted an honorable dismission to Br. L. Gerhardt.

2. I regret that it was impossible for me to attend the Maryland Synod as delegate of this body. I was also to attend as delegate to the German Reformed Synod—both convened at the same time. I sent a written excuse to the Maryland Synod and was received in a very friendly manner by the Reformed Synod, who resolved to unite with us in the publication of a german sunday-school hymn-book.

3. *Correspondence with the Moravian church.* Conformable to my duty I wrote to Rev. C. Schultz of Bethlehem, respecting the best method of forming a closer and more friendly union between the Moravian church and the Ev. Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He answered me very fraternally and stated that he had sent my letter to the Rev. Jacobson, President of the "Supreme Elders Conference." (No. 14.) At the close of the year I received a letter from the Rev. Jacobson, who regrets that probably nothing determined can be done until the Provincial Conference assembles — he expresses himself in a very fraternal manner. — Would it not be well to have the letter read? No. 30.

4. According to the resolution of Synod, I wrote immediately to the Rev. Feysel in Syracuse, N. Y., informing him of the resolution of Synod respecting his affair. (See No. 6 and 51 &c.) I received an answer on the 8th of April, this year, and as several letters since then have been exchanged and the meeting of Synod was so near at hand, I acted no further in the matter, and now leave it anew to the Synod, as I also informed the Br. that I would do.

X. The European Legacies.

1. September 18th, 1851. A letter from Dr. Demme, giving notice, that he had received one hundred and fifty dollars as interest on Streit's legacy.—I received the money and sent him a receipt.

2. Sept. 25th. I received a letter from Dr. H. Niemeyer of Halle, in which he gave notice that he considered Streit's legacy very *insecure*, if it continued in the Austrian Partial Bonds, and enquired, "if it would not be better to convert the papers pertaining to this matter into money, whilst it was yet time, and dispose of the same in a different manner?" — I answered him, that, whereas it was in his hands and we had full confidence in him, and he could decide thereon

for the best, the Synod would indeed willingly leave it to him. — Soon after this Dr. Niemeyer died and I cannot report whether the change was made or not.

XI. Miscellaneous Business.

1. A. D. 1851. Sept. 4th. I received a communication from the "Evangelical Consistory at Wirtemberg," subscribed by Dr. Grineisen. The communication refers to a card, which, according to the appearance, was published by our Synod, and on which were rules for the conduct of Emigrants. Enclosed was a guide for Emigrants by Dr. Marriott, which, says Dr. Grineisen, the Consistory considers more suitable.—I answered that the Synod published no such card—sent him a copy of our minutes, that he might see what the Synod has done respecting the Emigrants, and mentioned that I would bring the matter before the Synod. (No. 11.) Would it not be best if the Synod itself were to examine the communication and write to the Consistory?

2. October 3d. A letter from the so-called church-council of Mr. Nanz, in which they complain of the action of Synod, namely: that they said, Mr. Nanz was dismissed by his congregation on account of immoral conduct &c. — They desired that I should command the Secretary publicly to recall it—if not they threatened to proceed judicially. (No. 16.) I wrote that neither I nor the Secretary had a right to do this; but that if they could show to the Synod that injustice had been done, this would truly do justice to Mr. Nanz. With that which pertains to the threat I have nothing to do.

3. The experience of the past year urges me to direct the Synod to consider, whether it would not produce better order and be more complete in blessings to all interested, if the Synod would recommend the brethren (with some particular exceptions), who live too far from us to attend our meetings regularly, that they connect themselves with the Synods in whose bounds they live, or those which are nearest to them?

4. The Ministerium will learn through its agent, that he has thus far made good progress in his agency. Whereas we will now become, through the German Professor, and the Franklin College Professor, so closely united with Pennsylvania College, I therefor present to the Ministerium for deliberation the question, whether it would not be better for us and the affairs of the whole church, if this body would reunite itself with the General-Synod, so that we might take part also in the management of the College and other institutions of the church?

5. The Synod will rejoice, that our last annual minutes were so beautifully prepared — and will no doubt see to it that in the future they will be executed in a similar manner.

6. I ask the Synod whether it would not be well, if each brother would be required, to report immediately to the President, when a corner-stone is laid, a church consecrated, a pastoral-district established, or a single congregation formed &c., so that in the report of the President we might have a review of the yearly progress of our church?

The God of love, our reconciled Father in Christ, accompany with his blessing what has been done, and also by the Holy Spirit conduct

the deliberations and transactions of this annual meeting of our Ministerium, so that all may redound to his honor, to the extension of his kingdom and the salvation of immortal souls through Jesus Christ our Lord. His peace be with us, Amen.

JOHN W. RICHARDS,
President of the Ministerium.

I. *Resolved,* That the German Lutheran congregation in Trenton, N. J., be received, and their delegate F. W. Kœster have a seat and vote.

The President now announced that the officers for this year should be elected, and appointed as tellers: Pastors J. Schindel, H. S. Miller and the delegate P. H. Frick. After examining the votes the tellers announced that the following brethren were unanimously elected, viz:

Dr. J. W. Richards, of Reading, *President.*
Rev. W. J. Eyer, of Cattawissa, *Secretary.*
Dr. J. C. Baker, of Lancaster, *Treasurer.*

II. *Resolved,* That Br. Sweinitz of the Moravian congregation, be received as an advisory member.

The President appointed Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer as Assistant-Secretary.

III. *Resolved,* That the Pastors J. W. Hemping, C. P. Miller, I. Rœller and Cand. J. Hornberger, be execused on account of their absence.

IV. *Resolved,* That those brethren, who in the future wish to be excused on account of their absence, must inform the Synod thereof in writing.

The papers handed in were numbered and given to the folowing committees:

1. *Committees upon various papers laid before Synod.*

The First Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. F. W. Geissenhainer, Dr. H. N. Pohlman, C. A. Hay and the Delegates Dr. F. Muhlenberg and Jacob Houser.

The Second Committee consists of Messrs. Pastors H. Stecher, J. J. Strein, E. Peixoto, and the Delegates G. Daub and Jacob Kreigh.

The Third Committee consists of Messrs. Pastors H. S. Miller, G. F. J. Jæger, J. Schindel, and the Deleg. M. Strobel and John Hains.

The Fourth Committee consists of Messrs. Pastors G. A. Wenzel, F. A. M. Keller, N. Jæger, and the Delegates Gabriel Knecht and J. Ritter.

The Fifth Committee consists of the Messrs. Pastors C. F. Welden, W. J. Mann, J. Medtart, and the Delegates F. Kœster and J. Fry.

The Sixth Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Dr. C. F. Schæffer, C. A. Bauer, S. K. Brobst and the Delegates F. Wampole and M. Fritz.

The Seventh Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Joshua Jæger, G. W. Minnig, E. Breitenbaugh, and the Delegates J. Huber and G. Van Buskirk.

2. *Committees upon the Minutes of different Synods.*

1. Synod of New York: Pastor G. F. Krotel.
2. Synod of Maryland: Pastor T. T. Jæger.
3. Synod of West Pennsylvania: Pastor C. F. Stœver.

4. Synod of East Pennsylvania: Pastor W. Gerhardt.
5. Synod of Pittsburg: Pastor J. Vogelbach.
6. English Synod of Ohio: Pastor J. H. Mengert.
7. Synod of Alleghany: Pastor J. Kohler.
8. Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states: Pastor A. Bergner.
9. Our last annual Synod: Pastors G. F. Miller and R. S. Wagner.

3. *Committees were also appointed:*

1. To examine the President's account: Pastors G. A. Wenzel and T. T. Jæger.

2. To examine the Treasurers account: Pastors A. T. Geissenhainer, S. Trumbauer, and the Delegate John Kimmerlen.

Dr. C. F. Schæffer was appointed as a member of the Examining Committee.

V. *Resolved,* That the Committee upon our last annual Minutes report to-morrow morning.

VI. *Resolved,* That we now adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Strein.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Synod was opened with a prayer by Rev. W. J. Mann.

An *Eighth Committee* was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Pastors F. Walz, A. Fuchs, C. G. A. Neuman, and the Delegates J. G. Braun and M. Marquart.

Report of the First Committee.

The Committee, to whom the Annual Report of the President was referred, have the honor to report as follows:

They have examined this Document and in reference to certain points would present the following motions (— all of which were accepted by the Synod.—):

VII. *Resolved,* That the Synod lament the death of our brothers, W. German, and J. Binninger, that they heartily sympathize with the afflicted families of these departed brethren, whom they remember with brotherly love.—The Secretary will be commissioned, according to a resolution, to inform the afflicted families of the substance of the above resolution.

VIII. *Resolved,* That the Synod rejoices over the information received from Br. Popp, in reference to his labors among the Catholics in Cleveland, and it would be very pleasant for us to retain him in our connection; but on account of his distance from us, we recommend him to unite with a Synod in his vicinity, on condition that he can be willingly and honorably received.

IX. *Resolved,* That the petition of the Clearfield congregation be commended to the attention of the Missionary Committee.

X. *Resolved,* That the attention of the Missionary Committee be directed to the German emigrants in our Eastern states, particularly the state of New York.

XI. *Resolved*, That the congregations of our connection are earnestly recommended, as soon as they become vacant, to report the same to the President.

XII. *Resolved*, That the Synod acknowledges no congregation, which admits, that merely a contribution in money is requisite to constitute the right of membership to a congregation.

The question was presented, whether the local change of Cand. G. W. Scheide occurred with the permission and approbation of the President? This question was answered with *yes*.

XIII. *Resolved*, That the first request of Br. During be referred to the Missionary Committee, and the second to the Ministerium.

XIV. *Resolved*, That Br. W. Gerhardt receive an honorable dismission.

XV. *Resolved*, That the request of Br. Kihn be referred to the Ministerium.

XVI. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Missionary Committee be directed to Br. Muhlhauser's petition.

In reference to the laying of corner-stones for new churches, the organization of new congregations and other important actions connected with the history of our church, it was

XVII. *Resolved*, That the Synod earnestly commend it to all the brethren, to report to the President of all such occurrences within their districts.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That the President have the permission, at any time to dismiss members of this body to other Synods, in case no difficulties present themselves in such transactions.

The further consideration of the above resolution was deferred until next year.

The President was last year commissioned, to enter into a correspondence with the Moravian church in reference to the method of forming a closer and more friendly union between the Moravian church and the Ev. Luth. Ministerium. The Rev. Jacobson, President of the *Supreme Elders Conference*, answered to this solicitation and regretted, that nothing could be done in the matter until the meeting of the Provincial Conference. His letter was read to the Synod. Afterwards it was unanimously

XIX. *Resolved*, That we rejoice over the friendly sentiments and wishes, which are contained in this letter, and that, when the whole matter properly comes before this body for decision, we will give it the desired attention.

XX. *Resolved*, That a separate committee be appointed to report on the matter pertaining to the Rev. Mr. Feysel in Syracuse, N. Y. — Committee: C. A. Hay, A. T. Geissenhainer, G. F. J. Jæger, W. Kinzer and J. Kimmerlen.

Report of this Committee.

The committee to whom were referred the papers relating to Mr. Feysel, respectfully propose the following resolution: *Resolved*, That Rev. Mr. Feysel continue in connection with this Ministerium, if he manifests well-grounded evidences of repentance for his transgressions, solemnly promises to forsake the habits, which were so

detrimental to his office and appears at the next meeting of Synod, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances.

C. A. Hay.
A. T. Geissenhainer.
G. F. J. Jæger.
John Kimmerlen.
Wm. Kinzer.

Whereupon it was

XXI. *Resolved,* That the whole matter be referred for examination and decision to the Synod of Hartwick.

XXII. *Resolved,* That the Synod recommends those brethren, who live at such a distance as not to be able to attend our Synodical Meetings, to connect themselves with the lutheran Synods of their district.

The question, respecting the union of this Synod with the General Synod, was now discussed minutely, reciprocally and in christian love and harmony.

Whereupon it was unanimously

XXIII. *Resolved,* That the further consideration of this question be deferred until the next Synod.

XXIV. *Resolved,* That the Synod assemble on the first Sunday after Easter, and then decide whether they will send delegates to the General Synod.

XXV. *Resolved,* That the Synod communicate these resolutions, through a committee appointed for the purpose, to the Rev. Synods of Ohio and Tennessee and solicit them in brotherly feeling to consider this important matter, if possible to appoint with us delegates to the General Synod, and if they determine to do so, to appoint a committee, in connection with ours, to address a similar request to the Rev. Synod of Missouri and other states.

XXVI. *Resolved,* That the committee direct a similar communication to other Synods which are not yet connected with the General Synod.

XXVII. *Resolved,* That our Delegates request the Rev. Synods of West Pennsylvania and New York to address a similar communication to the above mentioned Synods.

XXVIII. *Resolved,* That we have been led to these resolutions through the conviction that we all agree in the essential fundamental doctrines of our beloved mother-church, and that we are therefor also prepared for an outward union, from which we can expect a rich blessing. Which may the God of grace grant unto us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour!

Committee to execute the above resolutions: Revs. G. A. Reichert, Dr. J. C. Baker and F. W. Geissenhainer.

Report of the Second Committee.

No. 2. Contains a letter from the Ev. Luth. congregation in Norristown, in which they return thanks for the aid which they have received and express the request to be assisted yet only one year, since they have nearly $2000 Mortgage, $500 debt in the bank, of which they must every 90 days pay 20 per cent with $1000 current expenses. They have now taken a firm Luth. position, have lost several members inclined to New-measures and consist of about 50 actual members;

but at present have firm hopes of prospering under the pastoral-supervision of Br. H. S. Miller, who preaches in both languages.

The committee moves that $150 aid be given to this congregation for this year.

The further consideration of this motion was deferred as Missionary business.

No. 3. A letter of excuse from Br. Conrad Miller, on account of his absence from Synod. The cause is sudden indisposition. He wishes the Synod the blessing of the Lord and transmits $7 for the Synodical and $8 for the Missionary treasury. Br. C. Miller was excused.

No. 4. An honorable dismission from the Synod of West Pennsylvania for Rev. W. Weaver and a recommendation to our Synod through Dr. Jacobson, President of that Synod.

The consideration was deferred until the session of the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. Stecher.
J. J. Strein.
E. Peixoto.
George Daub.
Jacob Kreigh.

Report of the Third Committee.

The third committee has the honor to report to the Rev. Synod the following:

No. 5. Contains a letter of thanks to the Synod from the Vestry of the Zion's church in Pottsville, for the 75 dollars very kindly allotted and transmitted to their minister Br. F. Walz, as aid from the Missionary treasury; and express their willingness liberally to assist this treasury in the future.

The Synod rejoices at the prosperity of this congregation and wishes it the blessing of the Lord.

No. 6. A letter, signed by the church-councils of the Emanuel's church in Pottsville, St. Paul's church in Schuylkill Haven and the Zion's church in Minersville, containing complaints against the Rev. Synod in regard to the distribution of the Missionary money, and closing with a certain dishonorable threat against this Rev. body; they also desire, that this letter be publicly read before the Rev. Synod.

This was done, and afterwards the whole matter was postponed.

No. 19. Is a letter of excuse from Rev. W. Heilig, in which he excuses his absence on account of family-affairs, and wishes the Synod the blessing of God.

Br. Heilig was excused.

No. 20. Is a letter of excuse from Br. Garlich, in which he excuses his absence from Synod on account of sickness, and requests the Synod to send him a sufficient number of minutes.

Br. Garlich was excused and the Secretary commissioned to send him a certain number of our minutes for this year.

No. 21. Contains an excuse from Rev. J. McCron concerning his non-appearance in the Synod; also a request for dismission and connection with the New York Synod.

XXIX. *Resolved,* That Br. McCron be excused on account of his absence and that the President communicate to him an honorable dismissal.

No. 22. Contains the proceedings of the third conference in October 1851. — The Synod rejoices that this conference has commenced holding meetings.

G. F. J. Jæger.
J. Schindel.
H. S. Miller.
John Hains.
Martin Strobel.

XXX. *Resolved,* That Rev. J. A. Siess of Cumberland, Md., be received as an advisory member of this body.

Report of the Fifth Committee.

The fifth committee has the honor to report:

No.—Is a letter from Rev. J. R. Focht, in which he asks the Synod to excuse him on account of his absence; he also desires an honorable dismission in order to connect himself with the Alleghany Synod.

XXXI. *Resolved,* That Br. Focht be excused, and that the President in the course of this year send him an honorable dismission.

No. — Contains a letter from Br. Schulze, in which he begs the Rev. Synod to excuse his absence on account of weakness from age; he also wishes the Synod the blessing of the Lord.

Br. Schulze was excused.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Welden,
W. J. Mann.
J. Medtart,
F. Kœster.
Jacob Fry.

Report of the Sixth Committee.

The sixth committee would respectfully report to the Rev. Synod:

No. 11. Is a letter of dismission from the President of the Luth. Synod of West Pennsylvania for the Rev. C. Reese, who has taken charge of congregations within the bounds of our Synod.

Postponed until the report of the Examining Committee be considered.

No. 12. A letter from the wardens of the congregation in Wilmington, in which they express their sincere thanks, that the President of our Synod sent them a pastor, in the person of the Rev. C. Jæger and at the same time ask for further assistance from the Missionary treasury. It is also mentioned that the congregation collected three dollars for the Missionary treasury, which their pastor will hand to the treasurer. — In reference to the request for further aid your committee is of opinion, that on account of the many calls from other congregations, especially from our Luth. brethren in the West, who deserve attention, our Synod may not be able to grant any aid to the congregation in Wilmington from the Missionary treasury.

Whereupon it was

XXXII. *Resolved,* That this matter be deferred as Missionary business.

E. A. Bauer.
S. K. Brobst.
F. Wampole.
M. Fritz.

The committee, appointed last year, to act in connection with a committee from the Synod of West Pennsylvania appointed for the purpose, to prepare a *Church-Manual* in manuscript and present it to the Rev. Synod at this meeting, has the honor to report: That it was some time before a day could be fixed upon, on which the members of both committees could meet, but that as the time came, one member of the same through the death of a near relative and another through official duties were hindered from being present, and that no sufficient number of the scattered committee could assemble. Therefor the committee can hand in no report on this occasion which would be of particular importance.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Schæffer.
C. A. Hay.
J. W. Richards.

XXXIII. *Resolved,* That the above committee remain standing for the same purpose.

XXXIV. *Resolved,* That Rev. L. Gerhardt be received as an advisory member of this body.

Report of the Examining Committee.

The Examining Committee has the honor to report, that different papers came into their hands for examination, from ordained ministers and also from students of theology to be received as members of the Synod of Pennsylvania. Other papers were also handed to the committee recommending the applicants. The committee offers the following resolution:

1. That the Rev. Mr. Bergman of Texas be acknowledged as a member of this body, although we recommend him to connect himself with the Ev. Luth. Synod of Texas.

2. That Messrs. J. Nashold, C. Jæger and Heydenreich from Alsoni be invited to a Colloquium.

3. That Revs. Daniel Maier, Charles Rees and William Weaver, be received as members of the Ministerium as soon as they present their certificates of dismission from the respective Synods to which they belong.

4. That Cornelius Nitterauer, Daniel Garver, William Rath and Philip Bræss be admitted to examination.

5. The committee reported also at a later hour that they had held a Colloquium with Messrs. Heydenreich, Nashold and Jæger to their satisfaction, and recommend them for reception into the Ministerium.

C. R. Demme.
G. A. Reichert.
E. Peixoto.
C. F. Schæffer.
C. W. Schæffer.

35. That this report be received and the further consideration of it be deferred until the session of the Ministerium.

36. That the examination of the applicants be held to-morrow at 11 o'clock before the Ministerium, but that the Colloquium with the ordained ministers be held privately before the Examining Committee.

Report of the Fourth Committee.

The fourth committee has the honor to report the following:

No. 7. Contains a letter to our Synod from the church council of a certain Mr. Nanz of Pottsville, with an unfounded accusation against our Rev. body, accompanied with arrogant demands, which in the opinion of your committee is not deserving of any further notice.

XXXVII. *Resolved,* That we cannot have any thing to do with Mr. Nanz and his congregation.

No. — Contains a letter to the Rev. President of our Synod, from Rev. M. During, at present a member of the Indianapolis Synod, in which he informs this body that he has received a call from the congregation at Birmingham, but has accepted of the same only upon conditions, since the congregation on account of very distressing circumstances have only promised a yearly salary of $160, and he is without aid from other sources, therefor, as is evident, his support is not secure; on this account he makes the request that a contribution of $150 be given to him for this year from our Missionary treasury, of which he wishes $50 to be paid in advance, to defray his travelling expenses from Marysville, Ohio, to Birmingham, and the remaining $100 in quarterly payments.

XXXVIII. *Resolved,* That the congregation just mentioned receive $100 from the Missionary treasury as an addition to their minister's salary, on condition that they change their church-discipline to this effect, that the minister in the future be permitted to have his proper place in the church-council and the congregation belong to some regular Ev. Luth. Synod.

No. 17. Contains a letter from Rev. Dr. W. D. Strobel, President of the Luth. Ministerium of N. Y., to the President of our Synod, in which he formally recalls the honorable dismission given by him for the Rev. Mr. Maschop, who thinks of connecting himself with our Synod. Your committee commends this recantation to the regard of the Ministerium.

No. 18. Contains a letter to the President of our Synod from the congegration at Manayunk, in which they express their regrets, that they could not send a delegate to this annual meeting of the Synod. They also report that their minister, Rev. Schifterling, resigned on the 18th of Jan. this year, and request the Synod to have the kindest solicitude for their vacant station. Whereas they think that they are not able to support a minister from their own means they therefor ask for further aid from the Missionary treasury. On this matter your committee would present no motion.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Wenzel.
F. A. M. Keller.
N. Jæger.
Gabriel Knecht.
Jonathan Ritter.

XXXIX. *Resolved,* That we now adjourn to meet a 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris.

This evening the Rev. D. M. Henkel preached from Acts 26, 28: "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, 9 *o'clock A. M.*

Prayer by the Rev. C. F. Welden.

Report of the Seventh Committee.

The seventh committee has the honor to report:

No. 13. Is a letter from the Rev. S. W. Harkey of Winchester, Va., in which he expresses the desire that all our Synods might soon be united in the Domestic Missions and the Education cause, and this could be accomplished in the best manner, if the Parent Education and Domestic Missionary Societies were entirely dependent on the General Synod, and thus again united extend their activity in all parts of the church, in which also all the Synods would be represented. Your committee is of opinion that this letter should be read to the Synod.—After this was done, it was

XL. *Resolved,* That this matter be deferred as Missionary business.

No. 14. Contains the proceedings of the Lancaster Conference, held in Columbia on the 13th of April 1852. Several subjects of importance were discussed; such as Sunday-schools, Funerals on the Lord's day and private and public Baptism; the members present unanimously advocated public baptism in the church. No. 14 contains also the proceedings of the Conference in reference to Rev. Crist, where it is stated, that, although he was expelled from the Illinois Synod, the Conference nevertheless employed him as Missionary in their midst from fall until the meeting of the Synod, where he then might bring the matter before the same. The committee refers the Synod to the papers in reference to Mr. Crist.

XLI. *Resolved,* That the matter pertaining to Rev. Crist be referred to a special committee. Committee: Revs. C. A. Hay, C. W. Schæffer, G. A. Wenzel, Dr. J. C. Baker, and J. Kohler.

No. 15. A letter from Cand. Brandt, in which he states several reasons why he could not be present at the meeting of the Synod and therefor asks to be kindly excused. His congregations testify well of him, and transmit 4 dollars and three cents, but do not mention for what purpose.

He further sends his license for renewal; he also sends his journal and 3 written sermons.

Br. Brandt was excused.

JOSHUA JÆGER.
W. G. MINNIG.
E. BREIDENBAUGH.
G. VAN BUSKIRK.
J. HUBER.

Report of the Eighth Committee.

The eighth committee respectfully reports the following:

No. 23. Is a report of the Lebanon and Dauphin co. Conference, held in Schupp's church, on which occasion Br. Stecher was elected President and Br. Hay, Secretary. It appears from this report that the Schupp's church, through the change of pastors in Harrisburg, has become vacant, since the pastor there elected does not preach in the english language.

No. 24. Is a letter from the Rev. Mr. Popp in Cleveland to the President, in which he asks to be excused on account of his absence from Synod; he gives as reasons the distance and the expenses connected therewith. He wishes the Synod the blessing of the Lord, and expresses the desire that the business relating to the Liturgy may be conducted and finished in a manner worthy of the Luth. church. — At the same time he asks the Synod, in the case of vacant congregations seeking a minister, to recommend him to them, since his connection with the "Foreign Mission Union Society," will soon close.

Br. Popp was excused and recommended to our vacant congregations.

No. 25. Is a letter from Br. Friederich from Alleghany city to the President of the Synod, in which he asks for an honorable dismission from this body, since the minister of his congregation must be a member of the Synod of Ohio. At the same time he returns thanks for all the love manifested to him by the Synod and wishes it the blessing of God. Three members of his congregation send $11, to be disposed of as the Synod sees proper, for which he expects a receipt or the minutes of the Synod.

Br. Friederich is dismissed according to a resolution already passed; the Synod also commissioned the treasurer to render sincere thanks to the members of the congregation at Alleghany who sent us the 11 dollars.

No. 26. Is a letter from the church-council of the Luth. congregation at Wilkesbarre, which your committee wishes to read to the Synod. — This was done, and afterwards the Synod expressed the willingness, that, if this congregation would call a regular minister, they would give them assistance for this year.

F. Walz.
A. Fuchs.
C. F. M. Neuman.
John Marquart.
John G. Brown.

XLII. *Resolved,* That the delegates from the congregation at Allentown have permission to present the affairs of their congregation, and that a committee be appointed with whom they can consult. Committee: Dr. J. C. Baker, Dr. C. F. Schæffer and C. W. Schæffer.

XLIII. *Resolved,* That Rev. D. Ulrich be excused on account of his absence.

According to a previous resolution the affairs of the Luth. congregation at the Trappe were now examined. The delegates were heard. Whereupon it was

XLIV. *Resolved,* That the whole matter of the congregation at the Trappe and those congregations connected with it remain as it was

when Rev. H. S. Miller left them, and that the first Special Conference assemble on the first Monday in August and the whole matter decided as may be thought proper, and that Revs. G. F. Miller, E. Peixoto and delegate Jacob Fry, appoint the place where they shall assemble and Rev. E. Peixoto inform the members thereof.

Report on the Treasurer's Account.

Your committee has the honor to report, that they have properly examined the treasurer's account and have found the same perfectly correct.

The contents of the account are

1. Received for the Synodical Treasury, including the balance of the last year	$654 85
Expended	131 17
Balance in Treasurer's hands	$523 68
2. Received for the Missionary Treasury, including the balance of the last year	$2,711 82½
Expended	1,392 62½
Balance in Treasurer's hands	$1,319 20

The sum of $212 78 is also in the hands of the Treasurer and has been for several years, which was collected for the theological seminary to be erected in Philadelphia and which now, according to a resolution of Synod, shall be put into the treasury for the german Professor at Gettysburg.

A. T. Geissenhainer.
S. Trumbauer.
J. Kimmerlen.

LXV. *Resolved,* That we now adjourn to hold a short session of the Ministerium.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Dr. C. R. Demme.

Rev. G. F. J. Jæger reported on the letter which had been given him to examine and report upon.

Report.

The committee to whom the President gave for inspection a letter from Mr. Wollenweber, Printer, would respectfully report the following:

Mr. Wollenweber complains in this letter to the Rev. Luth. Synod, that in the sale of our new Luth. Hymn book he will lose a great deal, especially in the West, through the intrigue of Mr. Radde, bookseller in New York, since he, on account of the low price at which this man sells the Union Hymn book, is not able to sell the Hymn book of our church at an ordinary price. He particularly mentions, that a certain man in St. Louis, to whom he sent a considerable quantity, placed honesty behind the door, and has not paid him. He calculates that his

loss in this year through the dishonesty of several booksellers will amount to about 700 dollars, and requests the Rev. Synod under these circumstances to release him from the unnecessary security. The committee moves that this letter, which in many respects is of importance to this body, be publicly read. G. F. J. JÆGER.

Whereupon it was

XLVI. *Resolved,* That the above report with Mr. Wollenweber's letter be referred to a special committee. Committee: Revs. F. W. Geissenhainer, A. T. Geissenhainer, C. W. Schæffer, and the delegates Dr. F. Muhlenberg and Gabriel Knecht.

The committee which was appointed last year to prepare a new edition of the "Liturgy for the Evangelical Lutheran churches of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio," reported through their chairman, Dr. C. R. Demme. Several alterations and additions were heard and sanctioned by the Synod. The committee was requested to proceed and to lay the work completed before the Synod at their next meeting.

XLVII. *Resolved,* That Rev. B. M. Schmucker be received as an advisory member of this Ministerium.

XLVIII. *Resolved,* That the delegates F. W. Kœster, Jacob Fry and F. Wampole receive their dismission.

XLIX. *Resolved,* That we now adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow.

Prayer by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

Prayer by Dr. S. S. Schmucker.

L. *Resolved,* That a committee be appointed which shall present to the Synod at its next annual meeting a report on the sense in which this body employs the expression: "Confession of the Evangelical Lutheran church." — Committee: Dr. J. W. Richards, Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Dr. J. C. Baker and E. Peixoto.

LI. *Resolved,* That Rev. H. S. Miller have permission to withdraw.

LII. *Resolved,* That we now adjourn to meet this afternoon at 2½ o'clock.

Prayer by S. Trumbauer.

SIXTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 2½ *o'clock, P. M.*

Prayer by Rev. G. A. Reichert.

LIII. *Resolved,* That Messrs. Brown, Gerhardt and Hoffheiner, ministers of the German Reformed church he received as advisory members.

LIV. *Resolved,* That Rev. W. Gerhardt he permitted to withdraw.

LV. *Resolved,* That Rev. A. Bergner and the delegates M. Fritz, J. Haines and Daniel Kræmer have permission to leave.

Report on the German Professorship.

The committee, which was appointed at the last Synodical Meeting to execute the resolution of Synod, in reference to the founding of a

german professorship in Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, has the honor to report, that they employed as their agent, the Rev. B. Keller, formerly pastor of the first Luth. congregation at Gettysburg, who also commenced his agency in the beginning of last November. He has visited many of our congregations and at every place was received with much kindness. The money subscribed can either be paid at once or in three instalments. The first instalment at the time of subscribing, the second at the close of this year and the third at the end of the coming year.

The Rev. B. Keller has handed in the following report on his agency: The undersigned would hereby report to the committee appointed by the Rev. Synod, that he entered upon his agency on the 1st of Novemb. 1851, that he visited the following congregations, received the following subscriptions and collected the following sums, viz:

Congregations: Zion's and St. John,	Subscribed.	Collected.
2 Dr. Demme and Dr. Mayer	$1,934 00	$1,304 25
1 C. W. Schæffer, Germantown	121 83	81 50
2 C. Miller	131 50	86 50
1 Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Easton	417 00	123 50
1 Rev. J. Jæger, Allentown	225 00	110 00
2 " G. F. Miller, Pottstown	210 00	113 50
1 Dr. Baker, Lancaster	1,048 00	391 33
1 Rev. W. Bætis, Lancaster	159 00	30 00
1 " C. A. Hay, Harrisburg	312 00	182 00
1 German congregation in Harrisburg	34 00	15 00
2 Rev. C. F. Stœver, Dauphin	219 00	59 00
1 " W. Baum, Middletown	125 00	83 50
3 " W. Gerhardt, Elizabethtown	206 00	53 50
3 " W. Crist, Mountjoy	74 00	18 00
" D. Ulrich, Stauchsburg	25 00	25 00
3 " G. F. Krotel, Lebanon	243 00	125 00
" " " " Meyerstown	159 00	90 00
" " " " Millerstown	99 00	84 00
1 " Stecher, Hummelstown	236 00	113 00
1 " J. Stein, Jonestown	122 00	70 00
3 " L. G. Eggers, Tulpehocken	161 00	119 00
" " " " Rehrersburg	84 00	64 50
" " " " Zion's church	61 00	27 00
1 Dr. J. W. Richards, Trinity church	900 00	350 00
Total	$7,304 33	$3,719 08

Paid to the treasurer, Dr. J. C. Baker, as follows:

December 6th, 1851	$800 00
February 7th, 1852	750 00
" 12th "	375 00
March 17th "	300 00
April 19th "	350 00
June 3d "	450 00
" 8th "	560 00
Total	$3,585 00

From what has already been done we can expect with confidence, that the required sum of $15,000 to found the german professorship can be collected in about two years, if God continues his blessing.

Respectfully, BENJAMIN KELLER.

The treasurer has put $1000 at interest of this money which he has received and has yet about $2,400 in his hands, which should also be put at interest, as soon as it can be done.

JOHN C. BAKER.
CHARLES F. SCHÆFFER.
CHARLES A. HAY.
C. F. WELDEN.
JOHN EHLER.

The above report was received by the Synod, it was then

LVI. *Resolved,* That the treasurer be requested and empowered, as soon as $1000 come into his hands to put the same at interest, and so also, should he think it would be well to do so, to purchase at the present market prices Water Loan Stock of the Lancaster and Harrisburg cities.

LVII. *Resolved,* That we now adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow.

Prayer by Dr. H. L. Baugher.

This evening the Rev. J. A. Seiss preached, from Ps. 68, 15. 16: "The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; an high hill, as the hill of Bashan. Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever."

SEVENTH SESSION.

Thursday, 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

Prayer by Dr. C. F. Schæffer.

Report on the President's Account.

The committee reports on the account of the President, that they have examined the same and found it correct. G. A. WENZEL.
June 14th, 1852. T. T. JÆGER.

This report was received.

LVIII. *Resolved,* That we cordially recommend to the increased attention of our ministers and congregations the "Evangel. Review," published by the Rev. Drs. C. P. Krauth and William Reynolds, and which is read by many brethren with great approbation.

Examining Committee for this year: Dr. C. R. Demme, Rev. G. A. Reichert, Dr. C. F. Schæffer, E. Peixoto and C. W. Schæffer.

LIX. *Resolved,* That when in the future the Synod passes any resolution in regard to our congregations, the said congregations shall be informed of it through the officers thereof.

LX. *Resolved,* That the officers of this Synod be commissioned to direct a communication to the congregations of Mr. Mark Harpel and turn their attention to the resolutions, which were adopted in the past year in regard to the same.

LXI. *Resolved.* That Dr. C. R. Demme is hereby empowered to pay the travelling expenses of the committee on the Liturgy from the money which came into his hands through the sale of the same.

LXII. *Resolved,* That this committee continue and are authorized to procure a new edition of the Liturgy for the congregations of Pennsylvania. Committee: Dr. Demme, Dr. Baker, C. W. Schæffer and Dr. J. W. Richards.

The Committee, which the Synod appointed last year to confer with the German Reformed Synod in regard to the publication of a union german Hymn-Book for sunday-schools, reported verbally, that the work was almost ready for printing. Whereupon it was

LXIII. *Resolved,* That the brethren transmit their wishes in regard to the said S. S. Hymn Book to the committee within three months and that as soon as the Reformed Synod have given their approbation, the Hymn-Book shall be forwarded by the committee for printing. Committee: Dr. J. W. Richards, Dr. J. C. Baker, Senior W. Bætis and Rev. S. K. Brobst.

LXIV. *Resolved,* That Rev. C. F. Welden and his delegate Jonathan Ritter be permitted to withdraw.

The committee, which was commissioned at the last Synod, to make rules, and regulations for the management of such money that would come into the treasury from the sale of the Hymn-Book, announced, that they were not prepared to report. It was therefor

LXV. *Resolved,* That the same committee continue and if possible report next year. Committee: Revs. F. W. Geissenhainer, G. A. Reichert, C. W. Schæffer and Messrs. Jacob Beck, John Kimmerlen and Gabriel Knecht.

The motion to unite the fourth and fifth Conference Districts, namely: Lancaster, Lebanon and Dauphin counties, was not adopted by the Synod. They remain therefor as before.

The committee, which was appointed, to present to this Synod a true translation of our Catechism into the english language, announces, that they are not prepared to report.

LXVI. *Resolved,* That the committee be continued. Committee: Dr. J. W. Richards, E. Peixoto, S. K. Brobst.

LXVII. *Resolved,* That we now adjourn and hold a session of the Ministerium this afternoon at 2½ o'clock.

Prayer by C. W. Schæffer.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Thursday evening, 7½ o'clock.

Prayer by J. H. Mengert.

The President being absent, on motion the Rev. E. Peixoto took the chair.

The committee, which was appointed at the last annual Synod, to prepare a short explanation of the five principle parts of the Lutheran catechism in questions and answers and forward the same for printing, reported through their chairman, Rev. W. J. Mann, that the work was almost completed. Several extracts of the same were read to the Synod which represented the sterling quality of the whole work. Concerning this the following was

LXVIII. *Resolved,* That the explanations be particularly so arranged, that teachers of Sunday-Schools &c. can use the same in giving instruction, that the committee continue with their work and that Dr. J. C. Baker be added thereto.

The committee, which was appointed, to prepare in the course of the year a german Lutheran Almanac, reported, that they had performed their duty, that the work was completed and ready for printing. In reference to this it was

LXIX. *Resolved,* That Rev. S. K. Brobst undertake and manage the publication on his own expenses.

LXX. *Resolved,* The the expense of sending our minutes by mail be paid hereafter out of the Synodical and Missionary treasury.

LXXI. *Resolved,* That twelve hundred german and six hundred english copies of our minutes be printed for this year.

LXXII. *Resolved,* That we solicit the Rev. Dr. H. J. Schmidt to give for publication his work written on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper, since we entertain the conviction that the costs of the edition can be defrayed by the sale in our congregations.

LXXIII. *Resolved,* That Dr. C. R. Demme be requested to purchase for the Synod a Ministerial-Seal-Press.

The committee, to whom was referred the plan for erecting a Female Institute in Lutherville, near Baltimore city, presented the following motion:

LXXIV. *Resolved,* That we recommend to our congregations the Female Institute at Lutherville and that we are persuaded of the necessity of such an institution.

LXXV. *Resolved,* That the Rev. President, Dr. J. W. Richards, be requested to give for publication the synodical Sermon for this year to the publishers of the Kirchenbote and the Lutheran Herold.

Whereas the rules in many of our congregations require, that the minister of the same must be yearly re-elected, and since such a regulation can further neither the peace nor prosperity of a congregation, it is

LXXVI. *Resolved,* That the Synod decidedly disapproves of a minister permitting himself to be elected by his congregations from year to year, since a yearly re-election cannot be reconciled with the dignity of the holy office.

Report on the Congregation at Pinegrove.

This report was received, whereupon it was

LXXVII. *Resolved,* That, since these congregations will not submit to our rules, — and now come with threats, — we cannot have any thing to do with them.

LXXVIII. *Resolved,* That we disapprove of every separation from congregations and congregational districts, if the same be not first sanctioned by the Synod or Conference.

The deciding on the above resolutions was deferred until next year.

LXXIX. *Resolved,* That according to the regulations of the Ministerium all matters of dispute in congregations or pastoral stations should be brought before the District Conference, and that such affairs should only be brought before the Synod when the contending parties will not submit to the decision of the Conference.

LXXX. *Resolved,* That, in case the congregation of the Rev. E. W. Hutter should resolve to continue in connection with the Synod of East Pennsylvania, the President communicate to him an honorable dismission.

Reports on the Minutes of different Synods.

1. SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

The Ev. Luth. Ministerium of New York held its 56th Session at Saddle River, Bergen county, N. J., from the 6th to the 9th of Sept. 1851. The present officers are Dr. W. D. Strobel, President; Rev. W. N. Scholl, Secretary; and J. C. Duy, Treasurer. The Rev. W. J. Eyer attended the meeting as delegate of our body, and received according to custom a seat and vote. He informed the Ministerium of the resolution of our body, to publish a new edition of our Liturgy, and expressed the desire that the Ministerium of New York would appoint a committee to co-operate with our committee in this matter. The committee was appointed, viz.: the Rev. C. F. E. Stohlman and the Rev. Dr. H. J. Schmidt. Dr. H. N. Pohlman was appointed as delegate to attend the meeting of our Synod here in Lancaster; as alternate the Rev. Dr. Mayer. The President in his report makes the following remarks concerning this body. "On the 16th of June I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of this Rev. body. I need not say, that I was received with the greatest kindness. The whole session gave sufficient evidence, that this part of our church is very active in the work of the Lord. I would particularly refer to the resolution to collect $15,000 to establish a german professorship in Pennsylvania College. This is a proof of two important points: 1) The tendency of the whole church to Union and Co-operation; 2) the resolution, to make every exertion to give to the church well instructed ministers. Thankful for the labor of these brethren, we should be urged thereby to greater Zeal for our own institutions."

The Synod is in a flourishing condition and active in the work of the Lord.—May the Lord still preserve the friendly relation between Mother and Daughter!

Respectfully submitted, G. F. Krotel.

2. SYNOD OF MARYLAND.

This Rev. body assembled on the 16th of October 1851 at Williamsport, Md.; the officers are, Rev. J. Hech, President; J. P. Smelzer, Secretary; and J. P. Anstædt, Treasurer.—This body is composed of 34 ordained ministers. Our delegate, the Rev. Dr. J. W. Richards, did not attend the Synod, but wrote a letter, in which he stated the reasons of his absence and described the kind and fraternal feelings entertained for them by our Ministerium. Whereupon they resolved, that they cherished mutual feelings of love for our Synod, and regretted that particular circumstances hindered our delegate from being present. The Rev. Drs. Morris and Baugher were appointed as delegates to this body, and we rejoice at their presence in our midst.

Respectfully, T. T. Jæger.

3. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

This Synod assembled on the 25th of September 1851 at Newville, Cumberland co., Pa. Our delegate, C. A. Hay, was present at the meeting, was friendly received and acknowledged as an advisory member. Rev. B. Keller was appointed as delegate to this body.

C. F. Stœver.

4. SYNOD OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

This Synod assembled in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., on the 26th of September 1851. The officers are Dr. J. Stork, President; J. Winecoff, Secretary; and P. Willard, Treasurer. Our delegate, the Rev. W. J. Eyer, was friendly received and admitted as an advisory member. Whereas the difficulties, which heretofore hindered a friendly connection between us, have now been removed, these brethren rejoiced that a good understanding has been accomplished between us and hoped that it would continue. W. GERHARDT.

5. SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

The minutes of the Synod of Pittsburg for the year 1851 contain nothing referring to our Synod. This body manifests an activity in the cause of missions and other charitable institutions which is very praiseworthy and in many respects deserving of imitation. The report of the Missionary President, the Rev. Passavant, shows that not less than 14 missionary stations are under the supervision of this Synod and in part sustained by them. J. VOGELBACH.

6. ENGLISH SYNOD OF OHIO.

This Synod assembled in its fifteenth annual conference in the Ev. Luth. church at Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, on the 9th of October 1851. The officers are Rev. J. Manning, President; D. Sparks, Secretary; and D. Rothacker, Treasurer. They are composed of 16 members, of these 8 are ordained ministers and 5 are candidates, who together serve 38 congregations with 2,333 communicants. In the communications of their committe to report on the minutes of other Synods honorable mention is made of our body in several ways, and amongst other things is mentioned that the reviewing of our minutes afforded great pleasure to the brethren and served much to their encouragement. Of the remaining proceedings of that Synod particular attention should be given to the report of a committee on the prepared english translation of the Book of Concord in the care of the Tennessee Synod. Respectfully, J. H. MENGERT.

7. SYNOD OF ALLEGHANY.

This Synod assembled on the 8th of October 1851 at Williamsburg, Blair county, Pa. Their proceedings contain nothing referring to this body. J. KOHLER.

8. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

Your committee has the honor to report, that the fifth Synodical Report of the German Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states, which was given to them to examine, contains nothing referring to our Synod. Respectfully, A. BERGNER.

9. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL SYNOD.

The committee, which was appointed to examine the minutes of our last annual Synod, reported as follows:

1. Your committee would remind the Synod of the resolutions which were presented in the last year but deferred until this annual meeting.

2. The committee would also remind the members of the Synod of the necessity of handing in to the Secretary a complete statement of their official doings in each year. R. S. WAGNER.

The above reports were all adopted.

Delegates to corresponding Synods were now appointed, viz:

To the Ev. Luth. Ministerium of New York, Dr. C. F. Schæffer; alternate, Dr. J. C. Baker.

To the Synod of Maryland, Rev. C. A. Hay.

" " " " West Pennsylvania, J. C. Schwankowsky.

" " " " East Pennsylvania, W. G. Minnig.

" " " " the German reformed church, Dr. J. W. Richards; alternate, S. K. Brobst.

LXXXI. *Resolved,* That Dr. J. C. Baker and Senior W. Bætis cordially thank their respective congregations on next Lord's day for the hospitable reception which the members of the Synod received from them.

LXXXII. *Resolved,* That Rev. J. B. Gross be excused on account of his absence.

The Synod then proceeded to determine the place for the next meeting. Dr. J. W. Richards, in the name of his congregation gave an invitation. It was therefor

LXXXIII. *Resolved,* That Reading be the place and the first sunday after Easter, 1853, be the time of our next meeting.

III. MISSIONARY BUSINESS.

FIRST SESSION.

The Annual Report was read by Dr. J. C. Baker, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society. Whereupon it was

I. *Resolved,* That the report of our Missionary Committee be adopted by the Synod, and that the chairman of the committee read the same to-morrow evening at the Annual Celebration of the Missionary Society.

REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS,

READ BEFORE THE SYNOD HELD AT LANCASTER, ON THE 8th OF JUNE, 1852.

Mission among the Heathen.

As our Lord was about to leave this world and to ascend to his God and our God, he commanded his apostles: "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This command the apostles and their successors endeavored to obey. They began, indeed, as Jesus had commanded, at Jerusalem, but they did not confine their efforts to that city nor to the Jewish nation, but went forth into other countries and preached the gospel also to the heathen. And great was the success of their preaching, for many of the Jews and of the heathen received the gospel and were admitted by baptism into the christian church, so that already during the lifetime of the apostles christian churches were established in almost all then known countries. After the death of the apostles this zeal for the dissemination of the gospel continued to exhibit itself and already in the beginning of the

fourth century, under Constantine the Great, christianity became the dominant religion in the Roman empire. Efforts were still put forth to spread the doctrines of the cross and thus to enlighten those who sat in darkness and in the region and shadow of death with the knowledge of the only true God and of Jesus Christ whom he has sent. It must be acknowledged, indeed, that improper means were sometimes employed for the accomplishment of this object, force being frequently resorted to for this purpose. Notwithstanding this, multitudes, and even whole nations, were induced to embrace Christianity. In the course of time there crept into the church a remarkable indifference and want of activity in regard to the dissemination of the gospel. But in the latter half of the last century the missionary spirit broke forth, first in England and then also in other countries. Preachers of the gospel were sent abroad among the heathen, and missions were established in Greenland, Labrador, in North America among the Indians, in the West India Islands, in South America among the negroes, upon the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, at the Cape of Good Hope among the Hottentots and Caffrees, upon the island of Ceylon, in East India, in China, in Tartary and in other countries. Many of these missions were richly blessed, so that in some countries, e. g. upon the Sandwich Islands, the whole nation embraced Christianity.

Our church in this country has also interested itself in the spread of the gospel among the heathen. In the year 1841, Br. F. Heyer was sent by us to India and commenced operation among the Telugus where he has labored with great success. After some years Br. Gunn was sent to his assistance, who labored with great fidelity at the post allotted to him until, during the last year he was removed by death to a better world. The third missionary who was sent from our church to India was Br. Martz who, however, for reasons unknown to us, is at present on his return homeward. Last year the brethren Snyder and Cutter were sent thither and reached Madras in good health, with their wives, on the 23rd of January, after a voyage of 165 days. During the last year our church assumed the charge of the mission at Rajahmundry which was established by the North German Missionary Society, but which could no longer be supported by them, in consequence of the political disturbances in Germany. The missionaries at that station are Rev. Messrs. Vallet, Groning and Heise. Br. Vallet is now on a visit to Germany, but will return to the mission. Br. Groning labors in Guntoor, Br. Heise in Rajahmundry and Br. Heyer in the Palnaud. Br. Cutter is to be stationed at Rajahmundry and Br. Snyder in the Palnaud.

Br. Heyer who was originally sent out by our Synod and is still supported by us, preaches in 12 or 13 villages, and seeks to diffuse the word of life also by the establishment of christian schools, of which he has the supervision and by the distribution of christian tracts among those in whose midst he labors. His efforts during the past year have not been without success. He has handed in a report in which he describes a heathen festival, exhibiting the fearful superstition that reigns among that people and how exceedingly it is to be desired that they may be brought to the knowledge of the true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

May the Lord preserve Br. Heyer's health and life for many years and grant that many may through his instrumentality be turned from

darkness to light and from the power of satan to God. As Br. Heyer is considerably advanced in years he will soon probably be transferred to Guntoor, having his present place supplied by a younger brother.

After the above had been written a letter from Br. Heyer was published, dated Gurgal, March 4th, 1852. In this he states among other things, the following: On Wednesday, 18th February. I started from home to visit our native Christians in Veldurty, Polipally, &c., and returned on Tuesday morning, 24th. During this excursion I administered the holy ordinance of baptism to four adults and five children; and twenty communicants partook of the Lord's supper on Sunday, the 22d, at Polipally. Among the baptized is an aged grandmother, who was born more than ninety years ago. One of her sons had joined our mission in 1849; a second son and family were baptized in 1850. The aged mother, however, continued to hold fast to her idols until, about four months ago, she expressed a desire to enter the same heaven to which her sons and grand-children were going and made application for Christian baptism. Having heard about the Gospel plan of salvation during the last three years, and being near the end of her earthly pilgrimage, it was thought advisable to comply with her request sooner than we should have done with younger persons. She was baptized on Friday, February 20th, at Veldurty, and received the name of Hannah.

The remaining number of applications for baptism (including adults and children,) amounts to about seventy. The most of the grown persons have been on trial during the last twelve months, and must continue so for some time longer. Several families of Romanists, who formerly attended the mass-house at Rentachintla, have renounced their allegiance to the pope. They came to Gurgal to state their case. A teacher has been sent to instruct them and their children. The whole number of individuals, parents and children, is twenty-two. May the Holy Spirit lead and guide them in the way everlasting.

Home Missions.

Our Synod has for many years manifested a deep interest in our scattered and destitute brethren in the faith in our own country. Missionaries were sent out amongst them by our fathers, by whose efforts many congregations were organized in Pa and the adjoining states. But within the last 15 years the work of Home Missions has been prosecuted with increased zeal. The brethren who have been employed and assisted by us during the past year are Rev. Messrs. Brandt, Waltz, Erle, Neuffer, Crist, McCron, Lachenmeyer, Wilkin and Bergmann.

Br. Brandt labored in the first half of the past synodical year as missionary for the emigrants in New York but left that post for important reasons and according to the advice of his friend, Rev. Mr. Stohlman, and with the sanction of our President, Rev. Dr. Richards, took charge of the congregations Brady, Paradise and Punxunstawney in Clearfield and Jefferson counties, Pa. Here he labors under many difficulties but apparently with success. In his report he says: "My congregations do what they can to support me and are building a fine large church that will cost $1500. They give up the old church entirely to the Reformed, without receiving anything for their right in it. As to the spiritual and ecclesiastical condition of my congregation

I cannot but present a favorable report. The number of the members in the three congregations is nearly 400, all European Germans and from the same part of Germany with myself. Our public worship, discipline, &c., are therefore modeled after those of the Bavarian church. On the 26th of May we lay the corner-stone of St. Matthews church here in Brady township. During my residence here I have made many missionary tours in Clearfield and Jefferson counties, and established a new Lutheran pastoral district which has already applied for admission into our Synod and desires to be supplied with a minister. I have to ride 64 miles every two weeks over the most wretched roads. Last week I preached 7 sermons, among them 5 at funerals and rode 64 miles. My salary is, beside a house, only $225, hardly sufficient for me; and as I cannot supply this large district without a horse, and only two of the settlers have horses, I must buy one, which will cost me at least $75. I am conscious of endeavoring, to the best of my ability, to serve this difficult district, and to this my congregations can testify. It will be impossible for me to attend the next meeting of Synod, as I have not the means, but I will in due time send my journal and excuse and parochial report to Lancaster, which is 150 miles from this place."

Br. Waltz, for the first three months of the past synodical year, served the two congregations of Wilmington and Manayunk. The distance between these places render this arrangement exceedingly inconvenient. Besides, both congregations were weak and Br. Waltz's support was meagre, so that for some time Br. Waltz, desired to enter upon another field if it should so please the Head of the church. When he therefore received a call from the second German congregation at Pottsville, Schuylkill county and he believed that he could recognize in it the will of the Lord and as he also obtained the consent of the Executive Committee, he accepted this call. With deep regret he left his former congregations and it was not until his separation from them that he realized how tender are the ties that unite a pastor with his people. In the beginning of last September he removed to Pottsville, Pa., and preached his introductory discourse on the 7th of the month, upon which occasion he was installed by Rev. N. Jæger, the service producing a very happy effect upon the whole congregation. During the first few weeks the service was held in a private house but an opportunity soon presented itself of renting a small church for $125. In January a sunday school was established which now numbers 52 children. In addition to the congregation in Pottsville, Br. Waltz serves 3 others, at Llewellyn (pronounced Luellen), where he preaches every four weeks, at Schuylkill Haven and Port Carbon where he preaches every two weeks. At Pottsville he preaches every Sunday twice except on the fourth Sunday when he preaches but once. During the winter he taught a night school in order that his catechumens might learn to read, and his labor was crowned with gratifying success. As to the christian deportment of his people there is, it is true, much room for improvement whilst he nevertheless feels constrained to remark that a change for the better has taken place and many now regularly attend upon divine worship who had for years neglected it. Br. Waltz hopes that the blessing of the Lord will continue to rest upon his labors. He baptized during the year 34, confirmed 6, administered the communion to 167 and buried 18.

Br. Erle, who serves 4 small congregations in Cherry Valley, Sullivan county, reports that during the past synodical year he has baptized 47 children and 4 adults, the latter having been previously instructed in the doctrines of the gospel. He also confirmed 20 young persons, administered the communion to 187 and buried nine. He preached the word of God as often as possible and administered the sacraments, in reliance upon divine assistance, and he believes not without some good having been effected in the case of almost every recipient. It is his cordial desire and prayer that this blessing may, in every case, be permanent, for time and eternity.

Br. Erle has however not limited his labors to these 4 small congregations, but served others also, as far as possible for him, so that they might also have the gospel preached unto them and have their children baptized. He could report much in regard to his labors in this direction, but fears that it would make his report too long. One circumstance he feels it his duty to mention. He had often thought of resigning his charge, as his salary was not $70, but when he reflected that then his labor spent upon this field would be lost, he resolved to remain. And this has now been made possible for him. A friend, not residing in his charge, but who has repeatedly assisted him, aided him during the last year in getting possession of a piece of land, so that he need not be compelled to desert his post. His land, it is true, is still in an uncultivated state with the exception of a few acres, but he hopes, by divine assistance, hereafter to be able to make it yield his daily bread. Finally Br. Erle expresses his cordial gratitude to the synod for the assistance granted him during the past year and prays that our kind Heavenly Father may richly bless every one who has aided in sustaining our mission.

Br. Lachenmeyer applied for admittance into our Synod last year at Allentown. It was resolved that his request should be granted so soon as he received an honorable dismission from the Synod with which he had heretofore been connected. This he received and was accordingly acknowledged by our President as a member of our Synod. He then addressed himself to us and requested an appropriation from the missionary treasury, which we granted him. In the course of the year he resigned the congregation at Lewistown and took charge of the second German church at Chambersburg. In his report he states: "On the 22nd of January, I reached my place of destination, Chambersburg, and preached on the 23rd. Although this little flock were so long destitute, I found them in a good condition. They have a handsome church in an agreeable location, an excellent Sunday School, which was zealously kept up during the vacancy of the congregation, and the congregational singing is such as we rarely hear; and upon the whole, there is such abounding zeal manifested that it is delightful to see how every member of the congregation strives to promote the glory of God and the welfare of his fellow-men. Since I took charge of the congregation four families and several other persons have connected themselves with it, so that the congregation now consists of 30 families, 82 members, and 42 children of an age suitable to be sent to school. I preach twice every Sunday, in the morning at 10 and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock and after the afternoon service I catechise the children, members of the church also attending. At the Easter communion 42 persons participated.

I shall endeavor, by the help of God and to the utmost of my ability, to build up the congregation, to the glory of God; and to Him, the Most High, be praise and gratitude for all his goodness now and forever. I conclude with the request that the Missionary Society may be pleased to interest themselves in behalf of this poor congregation and kindly assist it for the glory of God and the welfare of blood-bought souls."

Br. Crist, who had been laboring in Illinois, came two years ago to Pennsylvania for the purpose of providing for the education of his daughters. He was for a while employed as agent of the Parent Education Society of the General Synod. In October last he entered the service of our Missionary Society and preached in Marietta, Washington and Newtown, in Lancaster county, and in Wrightsville, in York county. Early in the present year he began to preach also in the vacant churches of Mountjoy and Maytown, Lancaster county. In Marietta there are between 60 and 80 Lutherans whose attachment to their church, however, in consequence of their having been so long destitute of a pastor, had been much weakened. Br. Crist preaches there in a church that is open to all denominations, and the attendance upon his service is regularly increasing. He is satisfied that a fine congregation can be gathered in Marietta. In Washington and vicinity we have a number of families but no church. Br. Crist has thus far been preaching in the Methodist church, but wishes to obtain another place. His preaching is well attended and he believes that a congregation can be formed there in the course of time. In Newtown he preaches in a school house and the members of our church attend regularly. In Wrightsville he preaches in a church built for all denominations. There are many of our people there and the prospect of establishing a flourishing congregation in that place is most encouraging. When Br. Crist began to preach in Mountjoy and Maytown the congregations were in a very sad condition but they are reviving and the church is again well attended. Br. Crist is very actively engaged in the discharge of his duties. He preaches on the same day at Mountjoy, Marietta and Newtown and on the following Sunday at Maytown, Wrightsville and Washington. He also visits the members and holds religious services during the week as often as possible. God be with this brother and give him great success among those to whom he is called to minister.

Br. McCron took charge of the congregation, at Norristown previous to the last meeting of Synod. This church, established only a few years ago, is burdened with a debt of $3,025 and for this reason their former pastor was assisted from our missionary treasury. When Br. McCron took charge of them, they expected to be able to do without this assistance, but this was impossible. They therefore addressed themselves again to us and requested us to grant them the customary appropriation until the debt, which they are reducing at the rate of $290 quarterly, be extinguished, or at least diminished. We granted their request. Br. McCron, who seemed to labor among them with success, recently left Norristown and took charge of the church at Rhinebeck, New York. The Norristown congregation then called the Rev. H. S. Miller, who has commenced his labors among them.

Br. Wilkin serves a congregation in Tennessee. He was present at our last Synod and requested aid from the missionary treasury.

It was granted upon the condition that this congregation attach itself to our Synod. In August last we received a communication from him containing a copy of certain resolutions by which his church formally attached itself to our synod. Whereupon the appropriation of $100 was forwarded to him.

Br. Bergmann serves a congregation in Catspring, Texas. These people live isolated from all others and although they are not in want of the necessaries of life they enjoy none of its conveniences. They seem to be truly hungering for the bread of life and diligently attend upon the public ordinances of religion.

But they have no church edifice and have been therefore compelled to hold their worship in the open air, as their houses are too small to contain the crowds that assemble for that purpose. The erection of a church will involve them in great expense as the building materials have to be transported from a considerable distance. Br. Bergmann therefore visited the church in the eastern states during the past year to collect funds in behalf of his congregation for the building of a church-edifice. He applied also to us and we appropriated for that purpose $100 out of the missionary treasury.

Br. Neuffer has not handed in a report, but from Br. Passavant we learn that he has been active in the discharge of his duties. He has resigned his charge and opened a school in Pittsburg. Rev. During has become his successor.

"The Lord our God be merciful to us and establish thou the work of our hands, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it!"

ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD IN TRINITY WEEK IN LANCASTER, TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 8th, 1852.

The Rev. E. W. Hutter preached on this occasion from Eccles. 11, 4: "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." In his introduction Rev. Hutter mentioned that the writer of these words, in the verses preceding, inculcates the sacred duty of benevolence. But since he well knew that the human heart on account of groundless objections was too willing to neglect its duties, he therefor by way of illustration adds several examples.—The best time for sowing is in a calm morning: for when the wind blows the seed may be carried away. It is thus also in respect to the harvest: the best time for harvesting is when the sun shines and the wheat is fully ripe. There are times however when the husbandman should not observe the wind nor regard the clouds. There is scarcely a day in which the wind is not unfavorable and in which the clouds do not cover the sun. How then? Shall not the husbandman then sow and reap? yes, he sows not observing the winds and he reaps not regarding the clouds! —The author of the text therefor teaches: *Perseverance in our duties in opposition to all difficulties.* For if we do not perform our duties until there are no more difficulties in the way then they will never be performed.

Men in the business of the world are not discouraged on account of difficulties. The merchant does not wait to do business until there is no scarcity of money. The mariner ventures upon the stormy deep,

although the billows may foam and the waves roar. The brave soldier has no hesitancy with ten thousand to meet him who opposes him with twenty thousand. We perceive therefor that to the man of the world obstacles are incentives to overcome the difficulties which oppose him. In this respect the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.

Difficulties are more easily overcome than we at first imagine. Demosthenes stammered, but by perseverance he became a very celebrated orator. Napoleon said, that the word "Impossibility" should be erased from every dictionary. Moses could never have delivered the children of Israel from the yoke of bondage under which they groaned, if he would have observed the wind and regarded the clouds. As Paul commenced to preach the Gospel to the Romans he met with no encouragement, but with many obstacles. He looked however not upon the difficulties but upon his duty and the Lord blessed his labors. The Reformers also of the 16th century had to contend with many difficulties; but Luther went to Worms, although there were many devils there, and Melanchton ceased not to oppose the Pope, although he possessed great power.

The Christian and the preacher of the Gospel have their difficulties, and the church of Jesus has to endure much resistance. It is therefor our duty, in spreading the doctrines of Jesus, to remain firm and zealously employ the means which God has given us for that purpose. Let us therefor assist the Missionary cause with our prayers and property. Christianity gives to the hungry the bread of life and to the weary pilgrim of this world, the hope of entering into the eternal rest of the righteous.

On the same evening the anniversary was held in the german language in Father Bætis' congregation. Many of the brethren and a large audience were there assembled. The services were commenced with singing the choir, the congregation then sang a part of the hymn: "Von Grœnland's eisigen Zinken, China's Korallenstrand." Brother G. A. Reichert led in the Missionary prayer from the liturgy. The report was then read, after which the congregation again sang from the hymn just mentioned. Br. Schwankowsky then preached from Matt. 28: 18, 19 and 20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefor and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." — The meeting was closed with a prayer, hymn and the benediction.

Further Missionary Business.

The Rev. W. A. Passavant received permission to present the affairs of the Lutheran congregations in Canada and Texas. This having been done and warm feelings having been reached in behalf of our brethren who are scattered and destitute of the preaching of salvation, it was

II. *Resolved*, That we give to the mission of Canada and Texas for this year, each $200, under the management of the Synod of Pittsburg.

III. *Resolved,* That we grant to Br. Bergmann of Catspring, Texas, 100 dollars for this year, and that we advise him to connect himself with the Synod of Texas.

IV. *Resolved,* That 150 dollars from the Missionary treasury be granted to the congregation of Norristown for this year.

V. *Resolved,* That it be left to the Missionary Committee to determine the amounts which should be given to the congregations at Manayunk and Wilmington, and also to the congregation at Birmingham.

III. BUSINESS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

Tuesday, 11 *o'clock, A. M.*

Conformable to a resolution the examination of the applicants was to be held publicly before the Ministerium. Accordingly four young men appeared before the Ministerium, viz: Cornelius Nitterauer, Daniel Garver, William Rath and Philip Bræss, and the Examining Committee examined them in Dogmatic, Church History, Exegesis and in the Greek and Hebrew languages. Whereupon it was

I. *Resolved,* That we now adjourn to meet again on next Thursday at 2½ o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, 2½ *o'clock, P. M.*

Prayer by Rev. W. G. Minnig.

Report of the Committee in reference to Rev. Crist.

Your Committee, having carefully examined the papers which were handed them, have the honor to report the following: that, whereas the Rev. G. B. Crist, has been known for several years to many members of this body and is much esteemed by them as a very worthy man, and has also labored for some time as a minister of the Gospel, under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of our Synod, with happy results, general approbation and to the perfect satisfaction of his brethren; and further whereas a careful investigation of his affairs with the Illinois Synod, sufficiently manifests, that those brethren acted under the influence of groundless slanders against Br. Crist, and consequently there being nothing presenting itself that would be detrimental to his character as a Christian minister, therefor:

Resolved, That the Rev. G. B. Crist be received as a member of this body, and be continued in his present relation with the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of our Synod.

J. C. Baker.
C. A. Hay.
G. A. Wenzel.
J. Kohler.
C. W. Schæffer.

The above report with the annexed resolution were unanimously adopted by the Synod.

The Examining Committee reported to the Ministerium that they held a *Colloquium*, to their perfect satisfaction, with the already ordained ministers Heydenreich, Naschold and Jæger, it was therefor

II. *Resolved*, That Revs. Louis Heydenreich, J. Naschold and C. Jæger be received as members of this Ministerium.

III. *Resolved*, That Daniel Maier from the eastern district of the Synod of Ohio, Charles Rees and William Weaver, both from the Synod of West Pennsylvania, be received as members of this Ministerium.

IV. *Resolved*, That the license of Mr. C. Kuhn, be renewed, but that he be advised, if circumstances permit, to connect himself with the Synod in whose district he lives.

V. *Resolved*, That C. Nitterauer and D. Garver be licensed this evening.

VI. *Resolved*, That W. Rath be licensed, but that he be advised to apply himself diligently to his studies.

VII. *Resolved*, That the applicant Philip Bræss be not licensed at present and that he be advised to direct himself to some other station.

VIII. *Resolved*, That Rev. W. Baum, a member of the Synod of West Pennsylvania be acknowledged as a member of this body, as soon as he has received an honorable dismission from the Synod.

IX. *Resolved*, That the president communicate an honorable dismission to the following brethren, namely: E. Breidenbaugh, J. C. Zeumer, J. McCron, C. G. Friederich and D. Sell.

The delegates of the German Reformed church now withdrew and wished us the blessing of God.

The brethren, to whom the journals and sermons of the Candidates were assigned for examination, reported. Whereupon it was

X. *Resolved*, That the licenses of the Candidates G. Hinterleitner, J. Hornberger, D. Sell and G. W. Scheide be renewed for one year.

The committee, to whom were given certain writings from Cand. Brandt, reported as follows:

No. 1. Is a journal very carefully prepared, from which is to be seen that Cand. Brandt labors with much activity in his congregations.

No. 2. Is an extensive report of the condition of the congregations, in which Cand. Brandt labors. He describes the great difficulties with which he had at first to contend, but states that there are hopes at present for better times.

No. 3. Is a Church-Discipline compiled by Cand. Brandt. As this was sent to receive the approbation of the Synod, and therefor should be publicly read, your committee thinks that it is not their duty to say any thing further thereon.

Nos. 4 and 5. Contain two excellent sermons.

Respectfully submitted, A. Fuchs.

This report was received, and thereupon it was

XI. *Resolved*, That the request of the congregation at Luthersburg be committed to the President.

XII. *Resolved*, That the license of Cand. Brandt be renewed for one year.

Our delegate, C. A. Hay, to the West Pennsylvania Synod, reported, that he was present at the meeting of that Synod and was very friendly received.

Rev. W. A. Passavant preached this evening from Ps. 119, 72: "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver."

The applicants, who according to a resolution were to be received into the Ministerium, now presented themselves. Their duties were read to them and after they solemnly promised to perform the same, the President gave them the permission and authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the holy sacraments.

The President now announced that the business was finished, and dismissed the Synod with the blessing of the Lord.

The affairs of the Synod were now ended for this year, and the members of the same return again to their families and congregations, that they may attend to the office of reconciliation with renewed vigor and encouragement. In the beloved congregation in which we assembled we leave peace with the hope that the seed which was scattered during our meeting may fall upon good ground and bring forth much fruit; and should we not see each other again in the land of the living, we have the assurance of meeting again before the throne of God, and if we are found faithful to the Lord, we shall enter into his eternal kingdom. — Many however inquire: Why this annual meeting? Why such trouble and expense? And what blessings can we expect from our yearly meetings of the Synod? It is true the Synod is only an advisory body, and they have no right to issue laws and ordinances. Christ saith: "My kingdom is not of this world," herein we are clearly to understand that his kingdom is spiritual, heavenly and eternal, in which all shall live whom he has purchased with his blood. Before he commanded his disciples, therefor, to preach his gospel, in order to prevent a desire for rank and authority among them, he told them with dignity and force: "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." We therefor are not placed over congregations as those who wish to tyrannize, but we stand by them as Bishops, Teachers and Pastors, and the command is: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account."

Although Synods are only advisory bodies, still they can, "if the spirit of the Lord and of church government rule in them, be to the Church a blessed means for its preservation, its purity and its progress. The preservation and propagation of the revealed teachings are entrusted to the whole body rather than to single members. It also belongs to the existence of the congregations instituted by Christ, that their affairs should be transacted by a mutual consultation. And if this occur in harmony and love, with wisdom and pure zeal, the church will then be kept free from many corruptions, and the kingdom of the Prince of Peace obtain a joyful progress." When we look upon the past and observe then the present condition of the Lutheran church in this Western world, we must acknowledge, that the Lord has wrought many blessings through our Synod. It is now already more than a century that this Synod has existed, and truly, the seed which it has scattered, has fallen upon good ground and produced fruit a hundredfold; the grain of mustard-seed has become a large tree; the leaven, hid in three measures of meal, has leavened the whole! For but few pious

and God fearing messengers, trusting upon God, left the german fatherland, to proclaim here to their scattered brethren the Word of the Lord. They formed congregations, held an annual synodical meeting to consult together concerning the affairs of the church, and when discord and misunderstandings existed in their congregations, they sought to remove the same, not by a word of command, but in the love and fear of God. The Lord also crowned their labors with blessings, and the congregations, which they gathered, have ever increased, until the number of Synods at present is thirty one, and the number of ordained ministers is eight hundred and forty four! Has the Lord helped in the past he will do so in the future, and overcome the obstacles and difficulties which oppose the spreading of the teachings of Jesus. He conquers the prejudices of the people, the pride of the wise, the objections of the wicked, the rage of the bloodiest persecutions and the devastating power of vice. He will perform his divine promise, which he gave to his apostles, and his messengers, furnished with the spirit of God, will obtain entrance every where among the nations so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Dearest Saviour, Jesus Christ, thou hast a rich seed upon earth and for its growth and increase thou hast appointed thy servants and preachers. Do not only preserve this thine institution, but let it be active in the birth of many spiritual children. Give to thy church at all times such servants who are themselves born anew, and are filled with divine wisdom and holy love to their congregations, that they may preach thy word and discharge all the duties of their office, so that many may truly repent and through the power of the Gospel be born again in Christ Jesus in the faith. Influence the hearers also with thy Holy Spirit that the labors of thy servants may not be in vain for them, but that thy word may be received by them, so that through its power they become other men and continually live in the new birth; and that we all, teachers and hearers, be joyfully admitted into the enjoyment of the inheritance, for which we are born again to our salvation and thine eternal glory, Amen!!

That the above is a correct account of the transactions of the Synod and Ministerium convened in the city of Lancaster, June 6—10th, 1852, I hereby testify,

WILLIAM J. EYER,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

APPENDIX.

No. 1. PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF THE MINISTERS according to the date of their ordination.	Congregations.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Burials.	SCHOOLS. Congregation.	SCHOOLS. Sunday	CONTRIBUTIONS. Synodical Treasury.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Missionary Treasury.	REMARKS.
Rev. D. Ulrich,	2	51	35	478	28		1	$1 00	$4 00	
" W. Bætis, Sen. Min.,	1	89	11	334	26		1		18 00	
" J. C. Baker, D. D.,	1	123	35	700	83		4	10 00	81 00	
" J. W. Hemping,									1 00	
" J. J. Strein,	3	42	22	332	18		2	4 00	4 00	
" F. W. Geissenhainer,	1	280	67	900	350	2	2	2 00	4 00	
" C. Miller,	5	177	70	1340	74	5	3	7 00	8 00	
" H. G. Stecher,	2	40	37	351	25		2	1 50	3 00	
" S. Trumbauer,	4	93	54	464	40		2	3 00	10 00	
" C. R. Demme, D. D., " G. A. Reichert, " W. J. Mann,	1	750	96	1475	286	4	5	52 30	350 00	Also $100 for the Education cause.
" S. A. Mealy,										
" J. Stein,	7	135	49	945	81		4	2 00	10 00	
" G. F. J. Jæger,	8	167	105	1368	98	8	1			
" E. Peixoto,	3	70	30	428	32			2 00	13 00	
" W. J. Eyer,	6	143	32	673	52		2	2 00	24 00	
" J. W. Richards, D. D.,	1	129	100	538	84	2	2	10 00	*68 75	* $35 are from the Sunday School.
" J. Bahl,	8	124	55	671	70		3	1 00	4 00	
" H. S. Miller,	4	76	50	780	49		3	5 00	11 21	
" C. P. Miller,	4	75	67	650	42		6	2 00	8 50	
" J. Medtart,	2	10		190	6		2	2 00	13 00	
" W. B. Kæmmer,	7	103	94	969	58		5	5 00	5 00	
" Joshua Jæger,	5	154	111	1341	84		4	5 00	54 00	
" C. F. Schæffer, D. D.,	1	199	58	350	39		1	5 00	43 37	

Rev. J. B. Gross,	3	36	8	213	9		2		4 00	
" J. Rœller,	8	195	95	1224	71			2 00	15 00	
" G. Schulze,	4	70	15	220	10					
" J. Schindel,	8	191	190	2310	94	8	8	5 00	30 00	
" C. F. Welden,	5	47	55	516	21		2	3 75	20 00	
" A. Fuchs,	5	120	112	726	36	2	3	2 00	3 00	
" J. C. Barnitz,	3	30	20	135	19		1	1 00	5 00	
" C. W. Schæffer,	1	19	7	230	30			2 00	27 00	
" L. G. Eggers,	3	40	60	500	25					
" J. M. Merz,										
" W. J. Minnig,	3	74	22	358	62		3			
" C. F. Stœver,	2	52	25	175	33		1	1 00	8 00	
" D. Kohler,										
" A. F. Geissenhainer,	*1	12								* This congregation has only been recently organized.
" J. F. Wilkin,	1									
" J. Vogelbach,	3									
" C. A. Hay,	1	23	14	321	42		3		*80 00	* $20 of this amount for Foreign Missions.
" E. Breidenbaugh,	3	32	5	180	23		4	2 00	28 00	
" E. A. Bauer,	7	141	53	858	73	2	4	1 50	23 32	
" F. A. M. Keller,	3	165	105	425	39		2	2 00	*50 00	* $30 from the Sunday School.
" C. F. F. Sallman,	4	76	40	390	44		1			
" C. L. Erle,	3									
" J. H. Mengert,	1									
" G. A. Wenzel,	2	53	8	478	34		2	2 00	23 00	
" H. Garlich,	1									
" C. G. A. Neuman,	8	106	36	300	30		3			
" J. Kohler,	1	13	7	96	12		1	4 00	20 00	
" C. Rees,	6	34	71	135	3		3			
" N. Jæger,	8	45	60	544	38		1		21 00	
" G. B. Crist,	3									
" J. C. Schmidt,	3	80	69	520	41	3	3	1 00	5 60	
" A. Bergner,	7	121	82	756	35	4	3	1 00	10 00	
" P. F. Feysel,	1									
" W. Heilig,										
" C. A. F. Popp,	1	14	1	11	4		1			

Rev. F. Walz,	4	34	6	167	18		2	1 50	20 00	
" A. Lachenmeyer,	1	23	3	155	5		1		6 00	
" W. Weaver,	1	4	11	115	7		2	2 00	5 00	
" M. Sondhaus,										
" J. E. Schwankowsky,	1									
" Louis Heydenreich,										
" D. Maier,	1									
" J. Nashold,										
" C. Jæger,										
" S. K. Brobst, *		28			8			2 00		* Editor of the "Jugendfreund."
" W. M. Baum,	1									
" W. Gerhardt,	3	70	24	210	44		2	1 00	5 00	
" G. F. Miller,	5	120	34	790	107		4	5 00	20 00	
" G. F. Krotel,	2	112	30	797	62		2	10 00	95 00	
" T. T. Jæger,	7	156	132	1033	62	5	6	1 00	10 00	
" R. S. Wagner,	8	105	20	520	80	5	3	1 00	1 00	
" J. Menges,	1	36	32	85	30		1	2 00	10 00	
" E. W. Hutter,	1									
" J. R. Focht,	4	63	40	350	15		3	1 00	15 29	
" J. Clemens Miller,	2	34	29	275	18		2	4 50	20 00	
Cand. C. C. A. Brandt,	3	21		117	10				4 00	
" G. W. Scheide,	8	126	50	340	67	4	6	1 00		
" G. Hinterleitner,	2	15		211	21	1	1	2 00	8 00	
" D. Sell,	4	35	53	180	25		5	1 00		
" J. Hornberger,	2	49	20	216	33					
" D. Garver,										
" C. Nitterauer,										
" W. Rath,										
Wilmington congregation,	1								3 00	
Manayunk congregation,	1	4	19	87	2				3 00	
Total 88 Ministers.	244	5662	2509	32,079	2995	55	140	181 05	*1429 06	* The following to be included:

Collection in the German Congregation in Lancaster by the anniversary, $10 25; Collection in Trinity church (Dr. Baker's) by the anniversary, $34 27; Contributions $2; from three members of the congregation in Alleghany, $11; Contributions to the Missionary treasury, received by the treasurer during the last Synodical year: From Rev. W. German's congregations, $74 50; from the widow of Rev. W. German, $16; from G. F. Krotel, $10; from Senior W. Bætis' congregation, $12; from a friend of Missions, $1. In all $171 04.

No. 3. ALPHABETICAL REGISTER OF THE MINISTERS REC

No. 2. ALPHABETICAL REGISTER OF THE MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE SYNOD, TOGETHER WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS AND THE CONGREGATIONS SERVED BY THEM.

NAMES OF MINISTERS, arranged in alphabetical order.	POST OFFICE.	Con-greg.	NAMES OF THE CONGREGATIONS.
Bætis, W., Senior Min.	Lancaster, Pa.	1	Zion's congregation, Lancaster, (German.)
Bahl, J.	Berwick, Columbia county,	8	Berwick, Briarcreek, Mifflin, St. Paul, Orangeville, Newport, Nescopeck, Wapwallopeck.
Barnitz, J. C.	Millersville, Lancaster county,	3	Kesselhill, Rohnerstown, Vogenville.
Bauer, E. A.	Lehighton, Carbon county,	7	West Penn, East Penn, Mahoning, Weisport, St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, Rosstown.
Baker, J. C., D. D.	Lancaster, Pa.	1	Trinity Church, (English.)
Beigner, A.	Greenbriar, Northumberland county,	5	Himmel's, Peter's. Simon's, St. Paul's and St. John's.
Brandt, C. C. A.	Luthersburg, Clearfield county,	4	Luthersburg, &c.
Breidenbaugh, E.	Pinegrove, Schuylkill county,	4	Pinegrove, Jacob's, Friedensburg, &c.
Brobst, S. K.	Allentown, Pa.		Editor of the "Jugendfreund."
Baum, W. M.	Middletown, Dauphin county,	1	Middletown.
Crist, G. B.	Mountjoy, Dauphin county,	3	Mountjoy Maytown, Manheim.
Demme, C. R., D. D.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1	St. Michael's, Zion's and Paul's church—one congregation.
Eggers, L. G.	Stouchsburg, Berks county,	3	Tulpehocken, Rœhrersburg, Reeds.
Erle, C. L.	Cherry, Sullivan county,	4	Zion's, Belatimer, Friedens. Christ.
Eyer, W. J.	Cattawissa, Columbia county,	6	Cattawissa, St. John, Roaringcreek, Fishers, Mahoning, New Columbia.
Feysel, F. P.	Syracuse, Onondaga county, N. Y.	1	Syracuse.
Fuchs, A.	Bath, Northampton county,	5	Bath, St. John, Plainfield, Union, Emanuel's.
Focht, J. R.	Donegal, Westmoreland county,	3	Donegal, Legomonard, India Creek.
Garlich, Herman	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1	Brooklyn.
Geissenhainer, F. W.	No. 76 East 14th Street, New York	1	New York.
Geissenhainer, A. T.	Trenton, N. J.	1	Trenton.
Gerhardt, W.	Elizabethtown, Lancaster county,	4	Elizabethtown, Christ, Bainbridge, Colebrook.
Gross, J. B.	Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y.	3	Seneca. Christ, Elsass, in Seneca and Yates counties.
Garver, D.	Scottland, Franklin county, Pa.	1	Scottland.
Hay, C. A.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1	Harrisburg, (English.)
Heilig, W.	Middletown, Lancaster county,		
Hemping, J. W.	Millerstown, Dauphin county,		
Heydenreich, Louis	Philadelphia. Pa.		
Hinterleitner, G.	Kutztown, Berks county,	1	Kutztown.
Hutter, E. W.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1	Philadelphia, (English.)
Hornberger, J.	Longvalley, Chestnuthill, Monroe co.,	3	Chestnut Hill, Ross, Jerusalem.
Jæger, G. F. J.	Hamburg, Berks county, Pa.	8	Hamburg, Zion's, Friedens, Paul, Bethel, Peter's Kroll's Dunkel church.
Jæger, Joshua	Allentown, Pa.	6	Allentown, Christ, Friedens, &c.
Jæger, T. T.	Womelsdorf, Berks county,	7	Womelsdorf, Meyerstown, Sinkingspring, Union, Rehr, Bellersman, North Heidelberg, Millerstown.
Jæger, N.	Berrysburg, Dauphin county,	8	St. John, Steinthal, Uniontown, Elizabethville, Huber's, Miller's, Fetteroff, Bear Gap.
Jæger, C.	Wilmington, Del.	1	Wilmington.
Kæmmer, W. B.	Richlandtown, Bucks county, Pa.	6	Flattland, Hilltown, Ridgeroad, Bedminster, Williamstown, &c.
Keller, F. A. M.	Reading, Berks county,	3	Reading, &c.
Kohler, D.	Kutztown,	6	
Kohler, J.	New Holland, Lancaster county,	1	New Holland.
Krotel, G. F.	Lebanon, Lebanon county,	3	Lebanon, Meyerstown, Millerstown.

Lachenmeyer, A.	Chambersburg, Franklin county,	1	John's.
Mann, W. J.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1	(See Dr. Demme's Report.) Third preacher in the same congregation.
Maier, D.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1	Harrisburg, (German.)
Mealy, S. A.	Canton, Stark county, Ohio		
Medtart, J.	Blue Bell, Montgomery county,	2	St. John in Whitpain and St. Peter's.
Mengert, J. H.	Verna, Oneida county, New York	1	Verna.
Merz, G. M.	Chambersburg, Pa.		
Miller, C.	New Hanover, Montgomery county,	5	Falkner Swamp, Boyer's, Sassaman's, Kieler's, &c.
Miller, G. F.	Pottstown, Montgomery county.	4	Pottstown, Amity, Oley, Friedensburg.
Miller, H. S.	Norristown, Montgomery county.	1	Trinity church.
Miller, J. Clemens	Phœnixville, Pa.	2	St. Peter's, Zion's.
Miller, C. P.	Bucksville, Bucks county,	5	Nockamixon, Durham, Springfield, Tinicum, Red Hill.
Minnig, W. G.	Pottsville, Schuylkill county,	3	Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven, Minersville.
Menges, J. H.	Columbia, Lancaster county,	1	Columbia, (English.)
Neuman, C. G. A.	Upper Mahantongo, Schuylkill county.	7	Klinger's Deepcreek, Little Mahony, Hochwærter's, Miller's, &c.
Nitterauer, C.	West Hanover, Dauphin county, Pa.		
Naschold, J.			
Peixoto, E.	Tylersport, Montgomery county,	3	Old Goschenhoppen, Indianfield, Toheck.
Popp, C. A. F.	Cleveland, Ohio	1	Cleveland.
Reichert, G. A.	Philadelphia, Pa	1	(See Dr. Demme's Report.) Second preacher in the same congregation.
Richards, J. W., D. D.	Reading, Berks county,	1	Reading.
Rœller, J.	Kutztown, Berks county,	8	Mosillem, Coxtown, Merz, Longswamp, Maxatawny, Albany, Hereford.
Rees, C.	Brickersville, Lancaster county,	6	Emanuel's, Jerusalem, Whiteoak, Manheim, Muddycreek, Swamp.
Rath, W.	Orefield, Lehigh county,		
Sallman, C. F. F.	Cunnigham, Luzerne county,	4	Cunningham, Hazleton, St. John, Bush.
Schæffer, C. F., D. D.	Easton, Pa.	1	Easton.
Schæffer, C. W.	Germantown, Pa.	1	Germantown.
Schindel, J.	South Whitehall, Lehigh county,	8	Jordan, Trexlerstown, Ziegel, Union, Weissenburg, Lowhill, Heidelberg, Fogelsville.
Schmidt, J. C.	Bernville, Berks county,	4	St. Jerusalem, St. Michael's, North Hill, Christ.
Schulz, G.	Williamsport, Lycoming county,	4	Emanuel, Nippenose, Trinity, Newburg.
Schwankowsky, J. C.	Chambersburg, Pa.	1	Chambersburg.
Scheide, G. W.	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county,	8	Orwigsburg, Summerhill, Middleport, McKeansburg, Port Clinton, Hamburg, &c.
Sell, D.	Rossville, York county,	4	Rossville, &c.
Stecher, H. G.	Hummelstown, Dauphin county,	2	Hummelstown, Hill church.
Stein, J.	Jonestown, Lebanon county,	7	Jonestown and vicinity.
Strein, J. J.	Lancaster, Pa.	5	Strassburg, Columbia, Rechnerstown, Conestoga, Centre.
Stœver, C. F.	Dauphin, Dauphin county,	3	Dauphin, &c.
Trumbauer, S.	Leacock, Lancaster county,	4	Zion, Centre, Bergstrass, Reamstown.
Ulrich, D.	Stouchstown, Berks county,	2	
Vogelbach, J.	Allentown, Pa.	4	Emaus, &c.
Wagner, R. S.	Reading, Pa.	8	Elsass, Zion, Schwarzwald, Alleghany, Wyomissing, Eplers, &c.
Walz, F.	Pottsville, Schuylkill county,	4	Pottsville, Port Carbon, Jerusalem, &c.
Wenzel, G. A.	Stone church, Northampton county,	3	Upper Mount Bethel, &c.
Welden, C. F.	Bethlehem, Northampton county,	5	Salem, Trinity, St. Thomas, Bethlehem, Arndt's.
Weaver, W.	Bloomsburg, Columbia county,	1	Bloomsburg.
Wilkin, J. F.	Wartburg, Morgan county, East Ten.	1	Wartburg.
Zeumer, J. C.	Pittsburg, Pa.	1	Pittsburg.
		263	Congregations.